

# 2011 HGA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

## General Discipline

### HGA SCHOLARSHIP PURPOSE

To provide college scholarships to deserving students in the Greater Houston Community.

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

The applicant must be enrolling as a full time student (12 hours minimum/semester) in an accredited two or four-year college or university in the Fall, 2011.

Primary residency of the legal guardian (s) is within the Greater Houston area which includes the following counties: Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Montgomery, and Waller.

Applicant must be a member of the 2011 high school graduating class.

#### **SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS**

Annual Scholarships (payable each semester) will be awarded up to a maximum of three applicants. All scholarship funds will be distributed directly to the financial aid office. Funds will be applied towards the following expenditures: tuition and general fees, expenses for room and board, books and lab fees.

The funding of the HGA Scholarship is expressly contingent upon verification by the recipient of acceptance as a full-time Bachelor's Degree candidate in an accredited four-year college or university or an Associate's Degree candidate in an accredited two-year college. A full time student is defined as one who is enrolled in 12 or more hours per semester.

The recipient and college must notify the HGA Scholarship Committee if the recipient's course load drops below 12 hours. Recipient shall at that time forfeit the right to future scholarship benefits. Extenuating circumstances shall be directed to the HGA Scholarship Committee for re-evaluation of continued funding. Any funds not distributed by the college's financial aid office shall immediately revert to the HGA Scholarship Program and remittance is due within 30 days of such notification.

If the scholarship recipient receives full assistance from other sources (i.e full scholarship) the HGA reserves the right to and may revoke any commitment to extend scholarship benefits.

A recipient must maintain a cumulative 2.5 or equivalent grade point average to be eligible for renewal of the scholarship each semester. The college must submit such confirmation to the HGA Scholarship Committee prior to receiving any funds.

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## SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

The HGA Scholarship Committee will **CONSIDER** the following criteria in determining a recipient:

- SAT SCORE/ACT SCORE
- CLASS RANK
- GRADE POINT AVERAGE
- FINANCIAL NEED
- COMMUNITY SERVICE, SCHOOL, GOLF, AND OTHER ACTIVITIES
- ESSAY
- FINALIST INTERVIEW

## SCHOLARSHIP FILING REQUIREMENTS

Completed application is due at the HGA office on or before April 22, 2011. Due to the volume of applications to process, we regret that any incomplete application will automatically be disqualified from further processing. All information contained in the Scholarship Application will be kept confidential by the HGA Scholarship Committee.

1. Answer all questions – indicate “N/A” if not applicable
2. Transcript submitted with the application or send directly to the HGA on or before April 22, 2011
3. Letters of recommendation
4. Financial information (See Below)
5. Current Photo
6. Essay

## TRANSCRIPT INFORMATION

High School Transcript – through fall semester of 2010

- Cumulative high school grade point average
- Class rank (Number of percentile)
- SAT and/or ACT scores

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

1. Copy of pages 1 and 2 of Form 1040 of legal guardian (s):
  - a. 2010
  - b. If 2010 is not available
    - i. Provide copy of Form 4868 – Application for Automatic Extension of Time to File
  - c. Submit pages 1 and 2 of Form 1040 for 2009
2. Form 1040, Schedule C and supporting statements where applicable
3. Form 1040, Schedule E and supporting statements where applicable
4. Explanation of other information that is pertinent to your financial situation

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## GENERAL DISCIPLINE