

USAWOASF Regular Scholarship Program

The Foundation is pleased to offer the program for school year 2010-2011.

The goal of the program is to make financial awards to the most deserving candidates. Decisions are made by a selection committee and are based on the whole-person concept. Over the years, USAWOA conducted various fund raising approaches. Substantial portions of the proceeds were set aside for the scholarship program. The Foundation will do likewise and explore other fund raising opportunities. In the summer of 2009 the Foundation will award scholarships of not less than \$1,000 each to deserving and qualified applicants. Some separate, specific scholarships may also be awarded. Entities or individuals externally fund these scholarships. A separate application is NOT required for these specific scholarships.

Application packets must be received between January 1 and May 1, 2010 in order to be considered for this year's program. Completed application packets should be mailed directly to: USAWOA Scholarship Foundation, 462 Herndon Pkwy, Suite 207, Herndon, VA 20170-5235,

Applications will be accepted from the children (natural and adopted), grand children and dependent stepchildren, under the age of 23 years (seniors in high school or above); of members in good standing in the USAWOA. Member must have been a member of the USAWOA for a minimum of six months prior to the date of the application. Spouses of members in good standing are also eligible and may apply for scholarship assistance in educational endeavors.

Normally all applicants will be in their senior year of high school (or higher) and plan to attend, or continue their education, in an accredited American college/university, vocational technical institution on a full time basis. All must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale. The school must be a degree (or certificate) granting institution,

As an exception, applicants residing overseas and/or holding dual citizenship may plan to attend an equivalent foreign school. If such exception application is made certification (in English) must be provided which clearly explains the type of school, the educational program, and the type and level of degree (or certification) awarded at the conclusion of study. The application packet (next page) consists of an original and one copy of each of the items listed below except the photo. Only one copy of the photo is required:

1. Read and understand the article "How Do I Insure That I Do Not Receive a Scholarship".
2. Basic application form (Must be typed or blocked printed)
3. A typewritten essay describing the educational goals of the applicant and how reaching those goals will benefit the world around them (800 – 1000 words) **Provide word count. Essay must be signed. If you have applied before you must submit a new essay.**
4. Special circumstances, if any, which may affect the applicant's, school attendance (i.e. medical, family dislocation, single parent family, etc.)
5. Detailed list of extracurricular activities individual was involved in. Address length and efforts of involvement.
6. Recommendation from high school (or foreign equivalent) counselor, teacher, or current faculty advisor if already attending college or trade school
7. High school (and college is applicable) transcript showing grades and grade point average
8. National Test Scores, SAT, ACT, etc. for all applications including those currently enrolled in higher education.
9. A 4 x 6 head and shoulders photograph of the applicant. Photo must contain nothing but the applicant (no dogs, horses, or friends) Photos must be printed on photo paper to insure a good quality image for publication.

Applications must be complete at the time of receipt. No "partial" applications will be accepted. Failure to include each of the above greatly reduces your chance of being awarded a scholarship. All applications must be received at the USAWOASF Headquarters by the 1st of May to be considered. Awards will be announced during the first part of July. Names of selectees will be posted on the USAWOASF Online Home page at www.usawoa.org/woasf as soon as possible after the announcement of the awards.

Scholarship distribution is made upon receipt of questionnaire sent with announcement letter. Checks will be made out to the school and will be sent to the student's designates financial aid office.

The USAWOASF also offers some special **On-Line** Scholarships from Grantham University. A special application form is required for that program. Visit www.usawoa.org/woasf for the forms and criteria. This award which allows the awardee to complete his or her educational requirements on-line should be especially interesting for spouses and those who can not attend classes in a formal educational environment.

Some USAWOA Regions and Chapters, offer additional scholarships for association member families residing in their area. Contact a local official for details of their programs.

Thanks for supporting our various scholarship fund raising programs.