



2010 CATEGORY II SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

DEADLINE for SUBMISSION: February 26, 2010

REQUIREMENTS:

- Open to seniors graduating during the scholarship year from Molalla or Colton High Schools, Country Christian School, or attending Foothills Community Church.
- Be entering a two-year college the fall after graduation.
- Cumulative GPA of 2.5 or above.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Fill out the application in its entirety; neatly printing in black ink or typed.

Attach the following:

- Letters of recommendation, (must be typed and include contact phone number).
- Essays as listed in Section IV (must be typed).
- Sealed official most recent high school transcripts, including SAT/ACT scores.
- Additional pages as needed.

Submit **COMPLETE** application in sealed envelope by February 26, 2010 to your High School Counseling Office, or to Foothills Community Church. **Incomplete, or late applications may not be considered.**

“HINTS FOR SCHOLARSHIP PREPARATION”

Start early, read application, PAY ATTENTION TO INSTRUCTIONS. Remember, this application is your responsibility. Poorly planned and poorly written essays containing grammatical and spelling errors stand out and negatively reflect on you.

Scholarship sponsors are looking for specific information contained in essays you are requested to write, as well as letters of recommendation others are requested to write about you. Pay attention to what the essays and letters of recommendation ask for.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION show how other people view you. Persons who write letters of recommendation want to write a good letter, but need input from you to do so. Provide the author guidelines, set forth by the sponsor in the application, to adequately address specific points the sponsor deems important for the scholarship. Lacking guidelines, the author can only provide generic information often overlooking important traits pertinent to the scholarship.

ESSAYS are a self portrait you create to show sponsors you possess characteristics they desire in scholarship applicants. Essays should be honest, truthful and present a positive image. Everyone faces challenges in life, and using the essay to tell a sponsor about these challenges is important and acceptable. More important is relating why your life challenges are different than all others. Talk about positive successes over life challenges, and how dealing with adversity molded personal character traits, make you the best choice for the scholarship. Write productively, never counterproductively.

You are better prepared from what you have done in your life for the scholarship than you realize.

- List your achievements, jobs, awards (both educational and non educational) and how they apply.
- List situations and people in your life that have impacted your life in a positive or negative way, and why.
- List and explain character building examples (i.e. a single mother works two jobs to support family and what that taught you).
- Apply the information you listed to the scholarship you are pursuing.
- Make a rough draft
- Proof and revise rough draft.
- Have trusted persons who know you critique your work. The best writers have the worst critics; some close friends and/or family members often lack the critical objectivity you are looking for.
- Submit signed complete application including all requested information by deadline date.

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SECTION III: Letters of Recommendation

(Submit letters as requested below from NON RELATIVES; typed, signed, including phone contact number.)

- Letter of recommendation from an educator (teacher, counselor, etc.) reflecting applicant’s service to the school, and how the applicant displays and promotes relational interaction with fellow students.
- Letter of recommendation from a non-educator (employer, mentor, etc.) regarding applicant’s community activities, reflecting service to the community, and demonstrating moral integrity, ideals, and principles.

SECTION IV: Essays (Each 500 word minimum) *Refer to Hints for Preparation*

- Submit an essay describing your life goals. Include personal experiences, or persons that influenced your decision; and steps you have taken to achieve these goals.
- In the next five years you will experience growth and change. Based on these changes, describe how you see yourself impacting the community you live in five years from now.

SECTION V: Transcripts

- In a sealed envelope, submit most recent official school transcript that includes your SAT or ACT scores and GPA. **Ensure** test scores are included in transcripts; or submit separately.

SECTION VI: Turn in Application

Submit completed application packet, including signed statement below, by (date).

I certify all the information contained in this application to be true to the best of my knowledge. I authorize the release of information on this application, other necessary academic information, and/or photographs to the Foothills Community Church, for use in the Foothills Community Church Scholarship program.

Signature of Applicant

Date Signed

Signature of parent/guardian if under eighteen years of age

Date Signed

[Submit this page as final page of scholarship application.]