



Dear Scholarship Applicant,

Since 1999, the Scottsdale Charro Community Foundation has been pleased to award full, in-state scholarships to two outstanding Scottsdale Unified School District High School Seniors who plan to pursue a career in teaching. All scholarship recipients must be admitted to a College of Education at one of the three state universities: ASU, U of A, or NAU. The Charros know how very important teachers are to the community, and we are glad that you have an interest in being an educator.

The enclosed Scottsdale Charro Future Teacher Scholarship applications are due by Friday October 31, 2008. Interviews for selected candidates will be held in November 2008. Scholarships will be awarded after the process is complete. In addition, recipients will be honored at our Annual Outstanding Students and Educators Awards Banquet hosted by the Scottsdale Charros in April, 2009.

If you have any questions, we encourage you to discuss the scholarship and application requirements with your high school Guidance Counselor.

Once again, we are delighted in your interest in becoming a teacher and look forward to reviewing your application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Halpin'.

Sean Halpin
2008-2009 Scholarship Chairman

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THE SCOTTSDALE CHARRO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

FUTURE TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP

Description of Scholarship

The “Future Teacher Scholarship” has been established by the Scottsdale Charro Community Foundation as a means to encourage the students who are graduates of the Scottsdale Unified School District to pursue a career as a teacher. The scholarship is awarded to students who can demonstrate outstanding achievement in academic activities, as well as non-academic activities, during their high school years.

Questions and Answers About the Future Teacher Scholarship Program

Q. What qualifications must I meet to apply for the scholarship?

- A.** You must be a U. S. citizen and legal resident of the State of Arizona, as well as a high school student in the Scottsdale Unified School District. You must also have no less than a 3.0 cumulative grade point average in your high school academic subjects. You also must submit the results of your SAT or the ACT. The desired scores to apply for the Future Teacher Scholarship are an SAT of 1040 or an ACT of 22.

Q. Is financial need a factor?

- A.** No. Outstanding merit is the principal factor used.

Q. What does the award provide?

- A.** The Future Teacher Scholarship Program includes a lump-sum check in the amount of \$3,750 each semester which can be used for the following:
- a. Tuition and fees (less any waivers/discounts) at one of the three Arizona state universities: ASU, U of A, or NAU.
 - b. Room and board expenses in a campus residence hall during your freshman year or, following the freshman year, toward the costs of other accommodations.
 - c. The cost of books and educational supplies required for a course of study.
 - d. Miscellaneous living and school expenses, such as parking fees and laptop.



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Q. What do I have to do each year to keep the scholarship?

- A.** At the end of each academic year, you must submit to the Scottsdale Charro Community Foundation evidence of performance in the form of a written progress report on courses taken, grades earned, participation in campus community activities, and other pertinent experiences. Among the renewal criteria required is proof of a 3.0 overall grade point average at the end of the year, and you must maintain full-time student status each semester. If your accomplishments are found to be satisfactory, the scholarship is renewed for an additional academic year.

If your course of study is interrupted for religious missions or extenuating personal circumstances, the scholarship support may be deferred up to two years.

Q. Can I transfer between universities?

- A.** Yes, you may transfer from one Arizona state university to another during or between academic years within university requirements. The scholarship cannot be transferred to any college or university, other than the three state universities: ASU, U of A, or NAU.

Q. Can I change my major?

- A.** No, you must enroll in and maintain enrollment as an education major. A major in education is a requirement of the scholarship and a change in major will result in disqualification from the scholarship.

Q. Do I have to live in a dorm for the first year?

- A.** Yes. The Future Teacher Scholarship Program requires residence in a university residence hall for your freshman year and recommends it for subsequent years. The Scottsdale Charro Community Foundation believes the residence hall experience is invaluable in getting to know other students and becoming involved in campus activities.

About the Scottsdale Charro Community Foundation

The Scottsdale Charro Community Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit entity which was established to promote youth, education and athletics in the Scottsdale community.



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Future Teacher Scholarship

Application Instructions

Please review the list of credentials you must file to be considered for a Scottsdale Charro Community Foundation Future Teacher Scholarship Award. You are responsible for seeing that your credentials are complete; the Foundation cannot assume this responsibility. Please promptly submit the Guidance Counselor Report form to your guidance counselor and Teacher Recommendation forms to your teachers. All completed forms should be mailed or delivered to the Scottsdale Charro office. ***All of the required credentials must be postmarked by Friday, October 31, 2008, or delivered to the Scottsdale Charro office (4251 N. Brown Ave. Suite 3A, Scottsdale, AZ 85251-3927) by noon on this date.***

The scholarship is awarded only in support of study at a fully accredited Arizona state university (ASU, U of A, or NAU). The process of admission to an Arizona university is *separate* from the application for a Scottsdale Charro scholarship award. It is strongly suggested that you visit the campus and apply to the Arizona university of your choice now. *You must have applied and been accepted for admission to one of the three Arizona universities before you can officially receive the Scottsdale Charro scholarship award.*

Applicants should meet the following criteria:

- Be a U.S. citizen, a legal resident of Arizona for at least two consecutive years, and be graduated from a Scottsdale Unified School District high school by June, 2009.
- Attain an overall cumulative grade-point average of no less than 3.0 in high school academic subjects.

- Provide evidence of leadership experience and significant interest in one or more extracurricular and community activities.

- Submit the results of your SAT or the ACT. The desired scores to apply for the Future Teacher Scholarship are an SAT of 1040 or an ACT of 22.

Your application will consist of the following elements:

- Form 1, Part A -- *Student Information*, must be signed by the student and a parent or legal guardian.

- Form 1, Part A -- *Student Essay*, 750 words answering the question, "Why I want to be an Educator."

- Form 1, Part B -- *Student Information*, provides an opportunity to list your accomplishments and tells the Selection Committee about your interests.

- Form 2 -- *Guidance Counselor Report*, should be given to your school guidance counselor. A transcript of course work, your class rank and grade-point average, and scores on standardized achievement tests are required as part of this submission.

- Form 3 -- *Teacher Recommendation*, must be completed by two of your high school teachers.

Materials submitted to the Foundation in support of your scholarship application are used by the Foundation's staff with responsibility for the scholarship program and members of the scholarship review committees, and become the property of the Scottsdale Charro Foundation. The Foundation does not return materials to the applicant, nor provide access to them by applicants or parents.

SELECTION PROCESS:

An initial review of applications will be made by the Scottsdale Charro Community Foundation staff. Completed and qualified applications will then be assessed by a review panel on the basis of the student's overall record of achievements and activities; together with an appraisal of the qualities of intellect and character by student-selected references. Candidates will be considered without consideration of race, gender, color, religion, physical handicap, age and national origin.

A pool of candidates will be identified for further consideration by the Scholarship Selection Committee.

Finalists in this selection process will be notified in November, and will be invited to meet with members of the Selection Committee for a personal interview shortly thereafter. Scholarship recipients will be notified in mid-December.

The personal interview is a significant factor in the selection process, since all finalist candidates have similarly strong academic records and other achievements. The Selection Committee will recommend those finalists it deems best qualified for a Scottsdale Charro Future Teacher Scholarship award. The interview session is designed to provide insight on the abilities of the finalist to discuss and reason on contemporary issues and to provide deeper understanding of the finalist's career goals and interests.



Selection Criteria

Essential criteria are considered in selecting Scottsdale Charro Community Foundation Future Teacher Scholarship: 1) academic assessment 2) essay 3) personal achievement 4) acceptance at a College of Education at ASU, U of A or NAU. Financial need is not a consideration.

Academic Assessment: A student's high school academic record -- grades, types of courses taken, grade trends -- towers above all other factors in the application review process.

In assessing academic performance, we ask ourselves one overriding question: "How well has this student utilized the academic resources available in the school and community." We examine the high school transcript, paying close attention to the scope and rigor of the academic program and review the composite score received on standardized achievement/aptitude tests, either the SAT or ACT.

In considering test scores, we use the highest score an applicant has received on any given test regardless of the year the test was taken.

Essay: Please submit a unique, typed, 750-word essay on the subject of "Why I want to be an Educator." Be sure to include your decision-making process as well as your goals. High consideration is given to this essay when choosing a Future Teacher Scholarship recipient.

Personal Achievement: In assessing personal achievement, we ask for recommendations from two of your classroom teachers. You will want to select teachers who best know your performance and capabilities and can effectively and fairly assess your potential as a scholar. We suggest that different disciplines (e.g., English, math, history) be represented by the teachers. We also consider the list of school and community experiences you submit as part of your application. We look for sustained interest as well as diversity. It is insufficient to "load up" on school

organizations in the senior year, for example. The key for us is persistence, and an indication from you as to which activities are most meaningful.

For example, many scholars have well-developed musical talent or other artistic skills, though they may not aspire to be professional musicians or artists. We value knowing of this interest and the level of mastery. Attainment in athletics is similarly valued.

We also look for evidence of leadership in your election or appointment to important school offices, school and community awards received, etc. Initiatives in organizing church or community volunteer projects are also important to us.

Some students have carried a demanding academic load as well as holding a part-time job through school. In these instances, we like to learn why the student chose to work and how these demands on time are balanced.

The process of admission to an Arizona university is separate and independent from the application for a Scottsdale Charro Community Foundation Future Teacher Scholarship.

Investigate the educational opportunities available to you in Arizona as soon as possible, so that, should you be chosen a finalist in our competition, you are certain an Arizona university education is right for you.

Arizona's universities have much to offer the talented student, and you will want to explore this rich resource for yourself.

To obtain information about one of Arizona's three state universities and their Colleges of Education, or to learn more about their honors programs, we suggest you contact the following individuals:

Arizona Universities

Arizona State University

Tempe, Arizona 85287
Antonia Franco, Undergrad Admissions
(480) 965-2621
afranco@asu.edu
<http://asu.edu/admissions>

Terrence Wiley
Mary Lou Fulton College of Education
(480) 965-6537
twiley@asu.edu
<http://coe.asu.edu>

Mark Jacobs
Dean, Barrett Honors College
(480) 965-2354
mark.jacobs@asu.edu
<http://honors.asu.edu>

Northern Arizona University

Flagstaff, Arizona 86011
Chris Lynch, Undergrad Admissions
(928) 523-6053
Christopher.lynch@nau.edu
<http://home.nau.edu/admissions>

College of Education
Joan Hadden
(928) 523-7145
joan.hadden@nau.edu
<http://home.nau.edu/coe/>

Anne Scott
Director, University Honors Program
(928) 523-3334
bruce.fox@nau.edu
<http://home.nau.edu/honors/>

University of Arizona

Tucson, Arizona 85721
Paul Kohn, Undergrad Admissions
(520) 621-3705
kohn@email.arizona.edu
<http://admissions.arizona.edu>

Ann Parker, Director
College of Education
(520) 621-7865
aparker@email.arizona.edu
<http://coe.arizona.edu>

Patricia MacCorquodale, Ph.D.
Dean, Honors College
(520) 621-6901
pmac@email.arizona.edu
<http://www.honors.arizona.edu>



Student Information: Form 1, Part A
Deadline: Friday, October 31, 2008
Selection Criteria

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 Future Teacher Scholarship

Name in Full _____ Male Female
 (Please print or type) LAST FIRST MIDDLE

CELL PH: _____ EMAIL: _____

Home Address _____
 NUMBER & STREET

_____ CITY STATE ZIP CODE TELEPHONE

High School _____

Date of Birth _____ / _____ / _____ SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER
 MONTH DAY YEAR

Yes, I am a U.S. citizen. (If a naturalized citizen, what was the country of previous citizenship and when was U.S. citizenship obtained.)

Yes, I have been a resident of Arizona since August, 2006.

Father's Name _____

If anyone other than a parent is responsible for you, to whom should communications about you be sent?

Home Address _____

Name _____

Occupation / Title _____

Relationship to You _____

Employer _____

Address _____

If he attended college, state where, and degrees earned _____

Mother's Name _____

If you have brothers or sisters, list their names, ages, and colleges (if any) which they attended.

Home Address _____

Occupation / Title _____

If she attended college, state where, and degrees earned _____

Student Signature _____

Parent Signature _____



Student Information: Form 1, Part A
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Essay

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Name in

Full _____

(Please print or type)

LAST

FIRST

MIDDLE

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Name of Applicant _____
LAST FIRST MIDDLE

Teacher Appraisal

Please be sure to specifically answer the questions below in reference to this student as a future educator. Please be as candid as possible in answering these questions; all replies are held in confidence. If more room is needed, attach your answers on a separate sheet.

1) Describe what you feel sets this student apart. It could be special talents or skills the student possesses, the student's maturity, and personal qualities which you consider relevant to the evaluation of this student.

2) What is your assessment of the applicant's ability to be successful in the field of education.

3) Compared to other students in this graduating class, how do you evaluate this student overall?

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone No. _____

Please print name (Dr., Mr., Mrs., Miss, Ms.) _____ Subject Taught _____

Confidentiality: This information and appraisal is used only by the Charros staff responsible for the scholarship program and members of the committees who select the recipients. Students and parents have signed a statement waiving access to these materials now or in the future.

Thank you for your assistance. Please return this form by **Friday, October 31, 2008** to:

Scottsdale Charro Community Foundation, Scholarship Committee
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