



Scottsdale Community Collaborative Scholarship



2008-2009 Application

PURPOSE:

The Scottsdale Community Collaborative Scholarship is funded by the corporate sponsors of the annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration, the Hispanic Heritage Community Celebration, along with the educational partnership of Community Celebrating Diversity and the Scottsdale Unified School District.

Under this program, the community collaborative scholarship makes available, through sponsorship, scholarships to high school graduates, who show promise of continued excellence, in an effort to recognize and promote student excellence and achievement. The scholarships are for study at postsecondary institutions of higher education in Arizona. By promoting student excellence and achievement, the Scottsdale Collaborative Scholarship supports Arizona's educational content standards as well as national educational goals. Student recipients under this program are known as "Community Scholars".

DESCRIPTION:

The scholarships can be utilized for the "cost of attendance" at any postsecondary institution of higher education in Arizona. Postsecondary defined as two-year college, technical, vocational or 4-year university. Awards will be granted on the basis of academic achievement, demonstrated community service, financial need and an essay on cultural heritage and diversity.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

The collaborative established the Scottsdale Community Collaborative Scholarship selection criteria and procedural process for selection of "Community Scholars". The selection criteria and procedures are designed to ensure that all eligible students receive consideration without regards to race, color, national origin, sex, religion, disability, sexual orientation or economic background.

The following selection criteria are utilized in identifying "Community Scholars":

- ❑ The eligible student must be a full-time resident of Arizona and has community involvement in Scottsdale.
- ❑ The eligible student must be a U.S. citizen, or provide evidence that he or she is a permanent resident of the United States.
- ❑ The eligible student must be a graduating high school senior with a minimum GPA of 2.8.



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- ❑ Each prospective “Community scholar” must have been accepted for enrollment as a full-time student at an institution of higher education before receiving the scholarship funds.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Applications can be downloaded from the City of Scottsdale website at www.ScottsdaleAZ.gov on the Office of Diversity and Dialogue web page.

The eligible student must submit the Scottsdale Community Collaborative Scholarship application as well as provide a brief oral presentation of the content to receive consideration for a scholarship. The application must include the following information:

- ❑ Student application including current involvement with the City of Scottsdale community, leadership activities, honors and awards.
- ❑ A one page written essay focusing on how your leadership and community service has had a positive impact on the Scottsdale community
- ❑ Official transcript
- ❑ ACT or SAT score
- ❑ Two letters of recommendation in a sealed business envelope.

DEADLINE FOR THE APPLICATION IS FEBRUARY 17, 2009.

The application and all related information must be returned with a postmark no later than **February 17, 2009** to:

**The City of Scottsdale
Diversity & Dialogue Office, HR 101
Human Resources Department
7575 E. Main Street
Scottsdale, AZ 85251**

AWARD SELECTION:

Finalists will be notified by **Monday, March 2, 2009**, and interviews will be scheduled for the presentation on their essays on cultural heritage and diversity.

Scholarship recipients will be selected on a competitive basis using a combination of criteria, including financial need, community service involvement, academic performance, leadership and essay.

Award recipients will be notified by **Tuesday, March 31, 2009**. A recognition ceremony will be scheduled.



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TYPE OR PRINT ALL INFORMATION	DEADLINE: Must be post marked by February 17, 2009
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Student Information	Please circle one: Male Female	
	Last Name	First Name
	Address	
	City	State Zip Code
	Social Security Number	Date of Birth
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	Home Phone	Cell Phone
	Are you a U.S. citizen? Please circle:	Yes No
	If no, are you a legal U.S. resident? Please circle:	Yes No

Academic Information	Official School Name								
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	City	State Telephone							
	High School Graduation Date (Month/Year)								
	What college or university do you plan to attend?								
	Major or course of study								
	TRANSCRIPT INFORMATION	This section must be completed and signed by the appropriate school official. An official high school transcript or grades must be sent with this application with a clear explanation of the high school's grading scale. On-line transcripts and grades are not acceptable.							
		CLASS RANK	GPA	PSAT		SATI		ACT	
				Verbal	Math	Verbal	Math	English	Math
	Cumulative GPA weighted 4.0 scale: (Circle)				Yes	No			
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	School Official's Signature			Title	Telephone				
School Official's Address									
City			State			Zip			



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Extracurricular Activities	<p>List below your extracurricular activities in the order of their importance to you. Include accomplishments such as musical instruments played, varsity letters earned, student government, clubs, speech and debate team, etc. Indicate elected or appointed leadership positions held or honors won, and how much time you spent involved in the activity.</p>		
	Activity/Special Awards/Honors	Number of years involved	Position/office held
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	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____

Volunteer & Work Experience	<p>Describe your volunteer and/or work experience during the past three years. List any community activities in which you have participated without pay (e.g. 4-H, Special Olympics, Rotary, Hospital Volunteer, etc.).</p>			
	Nature of Work	Employer	Approximate Dates (Mo/Yr to Mo/Yr)	Approximate Hrs per week
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Essay Question	<p>Arizona Department of Education – Standards Based Teaching and Learning Guidelines list Language Arts and Social Studies in the academic content standards for the K-12 curriculum. Content standards for twelfth grade writing include the ability to write a persuasive essay. In order to complete your application, please provide a 500-word or less typed essay on how your leadership and community service has had a positive impact on the Scottsdale community. Be prepared to make a brief presentation on your submission.</p> <p>* Student may use a variety of visual media and resources to present material.</p>
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REMINDER:

- Have you filled out the application in its entirety?
- Have you enclosed your two letters of recommendation in their sealed envelopes?
- Have you enclosed your essay?
- Have you submitted copies of your transcript, SAT or ACT scores?

Certification:	<p>I certify that the above information is accurate and correct to the best of my knowledge. I authorize the Scholarship Committee access to my records to verify the above information.</p>
<p>Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____</p> <p>Parent or Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____</p>	

Mail completed application by February 17, 2009 to:

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

APPLICANT	To the Applicant: Detach this page and give it to the person, who will document your achievement: A Teacher, Counselor or Administrator.
APPRAISERS LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION (REQUIRED)	<p>To the Appraiser: You have been asked to write a letter a letter of recommendation for the applicant. Please describe your observations of the applicant's outstanding achievement. Please adhere to the following instructions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ On an additional sheet(s) of 8 ½ x 11 paper, include the answers to the questions below, if applicable. ❑ Attach this page to your completed appraisal. Return the appraisal to the applicant in a sealed business envelope. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) How long have you known the applicant? In what capacity? 2) What evidence of setting and achieving goals did the student demonstrate? 3) What challenges did the student overcome? 4) What extra responsibilities did the student assume? 5) How did the student demonstrate initiative and self-motivation? <p>Important:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Place this form and your typed reference/appraisal in a sealed business envelope. 2) Please place your signature across the seal of the business envelope and return it to the applicant. <p>This applicant must mail the application and all other additional material in the same 9" x12" envelope to the Scottsdale Community Collaborative Scholarship address with postmark deadline of February 17, 2009.</p>
Name of Applicant	
Name of Appraiser	
Title	
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Organization	Telephone Number
Email Address	



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