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October 30, 2009 Application Deadline!



The Horatio Alger Association is pleased to be accepting applications from high school seniors of the Class of 2010 for the 2010 Horatio Alger Scholarships.

Eligibility

The eligibility criteria to be considered for National Scholarships and Horatio Alger State Scholarship Programs are as follows:

- enrollment full time as a high school senior, progressing normally toward graduation in the Spring/Summer 2009, with plans to enter college no later than the fall following graduation;
- a strong commitment to pursuing a bachelor's degree at an accredited institution (students may start their studies at a two-year institution and then transfer to a four-year institution.)
- critical financial need (\$50,000 or less adjusted gross income per family is preferred, if higher explanation must be provided);
- involvement in co-curricular and community activities;
- demonstrated integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity
- a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0; and
- United States Citizenship.

Application

To apply for the Horatio Alger Scholarship Programs, the following items must be completed and postmarked by **October 30, 2009**:

- Applicants must submit an online application (<http://www.horatioalger.org/scholarships/apply.cfm>)
- Applicants must submit at least one letter of support. Applicants must be logged in to the application process to complete this. Faxes/emails will not be accepted.
- All applicants must submit an official High School transcript with legend *that includes senior year classes*.
- Applicants must complete and **mail** the certifications form after downloading it from the website. They must be logged in to the application process to download the form. *The form must be signed by the applicant, parent/guardian, and the applicant's principal or vice principal prior to mailing. Faxes/emails will not be accepted.*
- All applicants must provide a copy of the front page of their parent/guardian's 2008 individual federal tax return (1040, 1040A, 1040 EZ or 1099 SSA-Social Security Tax Form). *If their parent/guardian's Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) is a negative number, please submit copies of their parent/guardian's federal individual tax return for the years of 2006, 2007, and 2008. If their parent/guardians were not required to file a tax return, include statement copies showing the amount of any government benefits, such as food stamps or Public Assistance documents. Faxes/emails will not be accepted.*

Supplemental materials should be mailed to: Horatio Alger Scholarship Programs PO Box 4030 Iowa City, IA 52243-4030 Phone (866) 763-9228

Required Forms

- On-line application
- Letter of support
- Official High School transcript that includes senior year classes
- Certification forms from the website (be sure it has the proper signatures)
- Parent/guardian's 2008 individual federal tax return

Available Scholarships

If qualified, you are automatically considered for both scholarships!!

105 \$20,000 Scholarships Awarded

As one of the nation's largest college financial aid programs in the country, the Horatio Alger National Scholarship Program is the only major scholarship effort that specifically assists high school students who have faced and overcome great obstacles in their young lives. While many aid programs are directed primarily to recognizing academic achievement or leadership potential, the Horatio Alger program also seeks students who have a commitment to use their college degrees in service to others.

The National Scholarship Program is awarded to eligible students in all fifty states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. National Scholars receive an all expenses paid trip to Washington D.C. during the spring of their senior year to participate in the National Scholars Conference.

Maryland: Only available for the following counties: Anne Arundel, Charles, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery, and Prince George's

25 \$2,500 Scholarships Awarded

https://www.horatioalger.org/scholarships/program_metro.cfm

Scholarships awarded to deserving students from the Washington, D.C. metro area in the following counties:

The Horatio Alger District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia Scholarship Program provides financial assistance to students in the counties listed above who have exhibited integrity and perseverance in overcoming personal adversity and who aspire to pursue higher education.

To be eligible to apply for the Horatio Alger District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia Scholarship Program, applicants must meet the eligibility criteria listed before and be a resident one of the following counties: District of Columbia; **Anne Arundel, Charles, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery, or Prince George's in Maryland**; or Arlington, City of Alexandria, City of Fairfax, City of falls Church, City of Manassas, City of Manassas Park, Fairfax, or Prince William in Virginia.

Frequently Asked Questions

- **When is the deadline for submitting applications?** The deadline to submit an online application is October 30, 2009. All supplemental materials must be postmarked by this date as well.
- **I missed the deadline. Can I still apply?** Due to the large number of applications submitted, no applications will be accepted after the deadline.
- **Is there a fee to apply?** No. There are no fees to apply for Horatio Alger Association scholarships.
- **Are paper applications accepted?** Paper applications are not accepted. In extreme circumstances, students may request a paper application from the Horatio Alger Association at HoratioAlger@act.org.
- **I am a home-schooled student, can I apply?** Yes. To apply as a home-schooled student you will need to

enter 970000 for the CEEB code (note this is not an official College Board code).

- **I received a General Education Diploma (GED), can I apply?** Yes. If you are no older than 19 years of age and will have received your GED by June 30, 2009, you may apply. Please enter 980000 for the CEEB code (note this is not an official College Board code)
- **Is there a minimum SAT or ACT score requirement?** No. The Association does not require a minimum score on the SAT or ACT.
- **What if my SAT or ACT score changes after I submit my application? Should I update you on my scores?** No. The scores that you submitted before October 30 are sufficient.
- **Is there a minimum Grade Point Average requirement?** Yes. All applicants must have and maintain at least a 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.
- **Do I have to be a United States citizen to apply for a scholarship?** Applicants are required to be a U.S. citizen.
- **Is there an income limit?** Financial need is an important factor in awarding scholarships. If you believe that you would qualify for financial aid for college, we would encourage you to apply. (\$50,000 or less adjusted gross income per family is preferred, if higher explanation must be provided)
- **Whose income should be listed if my parents are separated or divorced?** You should list the income of the parent/guardian with whom you lived for most of this past year. If you are not listed on that tax return, please include a note that briefly explains the situation.
- **What should I do if my parents do not file an income tax return?** If your parent/guardian does not file income taxes, please provide the Association with alternative documents such as: W-2 form, 1099 SSA (Social Security Income forms), and additional forms explaining income. If you have any questions about appropriate forms, please contact the Association at HoratioAlger@act.org.
- **I am a foster child or ward of the state, what do I list for income?** If you are in foster care or are a ward of the state please enter \$0 in the Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) field. Please explain your situation in your application essay and answer "yes" to the question of are you or have you been in foster care or a ward of the state?
- **What essays are required on the application?** There are three required essays. The first essay of 50-100 words must describe the educational and career goals of the applicant. Next, applicants must explain the adversities that they have encountered in a short essay of 250-350 words. Applicants must also provide a personal statement of 150-200 words in which they compare elements of an Association Member's life with their own. Biographies of all living Members are located on the Horatio Alger website. The applicant is also asked to describe his or her leadership role in an extracurricular activity in short answer form. All three essays and the short answer must be completed for an application to be considered.
- **Can I use a Horatio Alger Association scholarship at any college and for any major?** All scholarships may be used at any accredited institution where credits can be earned towards a bachelor's degree. Scholarships may be used at community and junior colleges during the first two years. All scholarship recipients may pursue any major of their choice leading to a bachelor's degree.
- **If I am awarded a Horatio Alger Association Scholarship, how do I get my money?** Disbursement information will be sent to you each year in May. You will be asked to go online and request your funds for the upcoming year at that time. We send the check directly to your college to be credited to your account. Scholarship funds may only be used for tuition and fees, on-campus room and board, books and summer school.
- **If I am awarded other scholarships or financial aid, does it affect my eligibility for a Horatio Alger Association Scholarship?** No. The only exception is if you receive a scholarship that covers all of your expenses. We would then ask that you notify the Association so that we may re-award the scholarship funds.

- **When are the winners notified? Are applicants who have not won also notified?** Only awardees will be notified personally. Everyone may view the names of the recipients when they are posted online in January.
- **Where does funding for Horatio Alger Association Scholarships come from?** Horatio Alger Association Scholarships are funded through the generosity of the Association's Members, Life Partners, and Friends of the Association.
- **Are there any other scholarship programs that I may be eligible for?** There are many additional sources of scholarships and financial aid available. Visit www.fastweb.com and www.wiredscholar.com for more scholarship listings.
- **I am eligible for more than one scholarship that the Association offers. Do I have to fill out more than one application?** No. You only have to submit one application to receive consideration for all of our scholarship programs for which you are eligible.
- **If I filled out my application online, how do I submit the supplemental materials (certifications form and tax form)?** After completing the online application, students must submit the supplemental materials by mail to: Horatio Alger Scholarship Programs, PO Box 4030, Iowa City, IA 52243-4030, Phone (866) 763-9228. This paperwork should be submitted together and should be postmarked by the application deadline (meaning it must be in the mail by October 30th).

You can download posters at
http://www.horatioalger.org/educator_corner.cfm

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Please let me know if I may help you in any way.

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