

## **USAWOASF Scholarship Program**

The USAWOA Scholarship Foundation (USAWOASF) was created in 2003 to assume administration of the USAWOA scholarship. The Foundation is pleased to offer the program for school year 2005-2006.

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 events. 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 2005 the Foundation will award scholarships of not less than \$1,000 each to deserving and qualified applicants. Some separate, specific scholarships will 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, 2005 in order to be considered for this year's program. Completed application packets should be mailed directly to: USAWOA Scholarship Foundation, c/o USAWOA, 462 Herndon Pkwy, Suite 207, Herndon, VA 20170-5235,

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

All applicants must 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:

1. Basic application form (see page 3)
2. A typewritten essay describing the educational goals of the applicant and how reaching those goals will benefit the world around them (800 – 1000 words)
3. Special circumstances, if any, which may affect the applicant's, school attendance (i.e. medical, family dislocation, etc.)
4. List of extracurricular activities individual was involved in
5. Recommendation from high school (or foreign equivalent) counselor, instructor, or current faculty advisor if already attending college or trade school
6. High school (and college is applicable) transcript showing grades and grade point average
7. National Test Scores, SAT, ACT, etc. (unless currently enrolled in college).

Applications must be complete at the time of receipt. No "partial" applications will be accepted. All applications must be received at USAWOASF by the 1st of May to be considered. Awards will be announced during the first week of July. Names of selectees will be posted on the USAWOASF Home page at <http://www.usawoa.org/woasf/> as soon as possible after the announcement of the awards.

Scholarship distribution will be made upon receipt of correspondence from the school registrar confirming registration. Checks will be made out to the school and will be sent to the student's designated financial aid office.

**The European Region and some USAWOA 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.**

***Contact us at [usawoasf@cavetel.net](mailto:usawoasf@cavetel.net) or 1-800-587-2962 to learn how to endow a specific scholarship either in memory or in honor of specific individuals or activities.***