USAWOASF Regular Scholarship Program

The USAWOA Scholarship Foundation was created in 2003 to assume administration of the USAWOA scholarship program. The Foundation is pleased to offer the program for school year 2012-2013.

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. Various awards will be made to the selected applicants, based upon availability of funds.

Application packets must be received between January 1 and May 1, 2012 in order to be considered for this year's program. Completed application packets should be mailed directly to: USAWOA Scholarship Foundation, 462 Herndon Pkwy, Suite 207, Herndon, VA 20170-5235,

Applications will be accepted from the children (natural and adopted), grand children and dependent stepchildren, under the age of 23 years (seniors in high school or above); of members in good standing in the USAWOA. Member must have been a member of the USAWOA for a minimum of six months prior to the date of the application. 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.

If applicants are attending a foreign school/university a 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 an original copy of each of the items listed below:

1. Read and understand the articles "How to Increase My Odds of Getting A USAWOA Scholarship. And "How To Make Scholarship Providers Love You."
2. Basic application form (Must be typed or blocked printed)
3. A typewritten essay describing the educational goals of the applicant and how reaching those goals will benefit the world around them (800 – 1000 words) **Sign and provide word count at the bottom of the last page. If you have applied before you must submit a new essay.**
4. Special circumstances, if any, which may affect the applicant's, school attendance (i.e. medical, family dislocation, etc.)
5. Detailed list of extracurricular activities individual was involved in. Address length and efforts of involvement. Also list any awards or recognitions and any training received outside of school.
6. Recommendation from high school (or foreign equivalent) counselor, instructor, or current faculty advisor if already attending college or trade school. Other recommendations may be submitted but will not be graded.
7. High school (and college if applicable) transcript showing courses, grades and grade point average
8. National Test Scores, SAT, ACT, etc. for all applications including those currently enrolled in higher education. If not taken, a letter of explanation
9. A 4 x 6 head and shoulders photograph, in portrait mode on glossy or semi-glossy photo paper, of the applicant. Photo must contain nothing but the applicant (no dogs, horses, friends)

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

Scholarship distribution is made upon receipt of questionnaire sent with announcement letter. Checks will be made out to the school and will be sent to the student's designated financial aid office.

The USAWOASF also offers some special **On-Line** Scholarships from Grantham University. A special application form is required for that program. Visit www.usawoa.org/woasf for the forms and criteria. This award which allows the awardee to complete his or her educational requirements on-line should be especially interesting for those who can not attend classes in a formal educational environment.

Some USAWOA Regions and 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.