

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 2019-2020.

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, 2019 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 spouses, children (natural and adopted), grandchildren and dependent stepchildren, under the age of 23 years (seniors in high school or above); of members in good standing in the USAWOA. Sponsoring member must have been a member of the USAWOA for a minimum of six months prior to the date of the application. USAWOA members are not eligible for the USAWOASF Regular Scholarship but are eligible to apply for the Grantham, University On-Line Scholarship.

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 consists of a single original copy of each of the items listed below:

1. Read and fully understand the articles "How to Increase My Odds of Gaining A USAWOA Scholarship", "How To Make Scholarship Providers Love You" and "New USAWOASF Scoring program".
2. Basic application form (Must be typed)
3. A typewritten essay titled "My Educational Goals and How Those Goals Will Benefit the World Around Me (800-1000 words). **Sign and provide word count at the bottom of the last page. If you have an 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, Financial, etc.) Factors such as number of children in family, number of children in college, scholarships or lack thereof already obtained, single parent families.
5. Detailed list of extracurricular activities individual was involved in. Both school related and community activities to be addressed separately. Address length and efforts of involvement, as well as any offices held. List any awards or special recognitions received and any training received outside of school.
6. Recommendations from a high school (or foreign equivalent) teacher, a counselor, and a community member. Current faculty advisor if already attending college or trade school. All three recommendations must be from different individuals, dated (less than three months old) and signed.
7. National Test Scores, either SAT or ACT, for all applications including those currently enrolled in higher education. If not taken, a letter of explanation. Lack of test scores will greatly hinder the chance of getting an award.
8. Academic Achievement. High school (and college if applicable) transcript showing courses, grades and grade point average. These must be official copies dated, signed and sealed.
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, or 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. Each application will be rated by utilizing the whole person approach. Each of the above areas must be addressed in detail because failure to do so will result in loss of points in that area and may well move the applicant out of contention for an award. To download the USAWOASF Regular Scholarship Application Form for School Year 2019-2020, go to the following web address <http://www.usawoa.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/USAWOASF-Regular-2019-Award-Application.pdf>

Awards will be announced during the first part of July. Names and photos of selectees will be published in the USAWOA Newsliner and posted on the USAWOASF Online Scholarships Awarded at <http://www.usawoa.org/scholarship/previous-scholarships-awarded/> 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 educational institution and will be sent to the student's designated financial aid office.

The USAWOASF also offers a special On-Line Scholarships from Grantham University. A special application form is required for that program. For information on how to apply go to the following web address <http://www.usawoa.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/Grantham-On-Line-Information-2019.pdf> To download the USAWOASF On-Line Scholarship Application Form for School Year 2019-2020, go to the following web address <http://www.usawoa.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/USAWOASF-Grantham-Univ-On-Line-2019-Application.pdf> This award, which allows the awardee to complete his or her educational requirements on-line, should be especially interesting for those who cannot attend classes in a formal educational environment. USAWOA members as well as their dependents may apply for this scholarship.