



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

SCHOLARSHIPS

The purpose of the Crystal Dreams Foundation Scholarship Fund is to assist students in pursuing their undergraduate college education. These scholarships are available on a competitive and need basis to first-year and continuing college students.

Please read through this entire package to become familiar with the eligibility and application requirements.

Eligibility

- Must be a U.S. citizen.
- Must be able to prove U.S. residency for at least the last two years.
- Must currently be in 11th or 12th grade, attending classes in an accredited educational system. Or, must be currently enrolled in an accredited university, community college, or training program in the U.S.
- High school applicants must submit verification of acceptance to an accredited university, community college, or training program.
- Continuing undergraduates must be enrolled at least half-time, must have completed a minimum of 12 college semester units, or 16 quarter units, and have at least a 3.25 cumulative GPA .
- Candidates must demonstrate financial need. (Must submit signed tax returns for the last 2 years.)
- If awarded a scholarship, candidate must complete a minimum of 12 hours of civic/community service in support of the Crystal Dreams Foundation.

Awards

Scholarships are awarded biannually in the amounts of \$250 to \$2,500 per academic year and are payable upon verification of eligibility. Awards are renewable by submitting a Scholarship Renewal Application. Awards may be used for tuition, books or room and board.



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Selection

Scholarship award decisions are made by the board of directors of the Crystal Dreams Foundation based upon the candidate's application, essays, need and personal interview.

Each completed application package is read and reviewed by three impartial teachers or business professionals from the local community. The applications are ranked, and finalists are selected. Members of the Crystal Dreams Scholarship Committee will interview each finalist in person or via telephone conference. Scholarships recipients are then selected. The number of scholarships awarded and their amounts will be based upon the number of finalists and available scholarship funds at that time. Candidates will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- Completeness of application package
- Content of essays
- Clarity of direction and goals
- Academic achievement
- Letters of recommendation

Questions may be directed to the Crystal Dreams Office at (949) 450-8212, or to crystaldreams@teccm.com.



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2009-2010

To be considered for the Crystal Dreams Foundation Scholarship, applicants must submit all of the following information by April 30, 2009 for Fall or October 30, 2009 for Spring consideration. Applications postmarked after this date will not be considered.

1. Completed application form

- Forms must be neatly printed (blue or black ink), or typed.
- Essays must be typed and include applicant's full name on each page.
- All required items must be included in one package, except official transcripts, which may be sent directly from your school.

2. Essays

- High school applicants must complete two (2) essays from the *High School Essay Topics List* included in this package.
- Continuing Undergraduate applicants must complete two (2) essays from the *Continuing Undergraduate Essay Topics List* included in this package.

3. Official Transcripts

- High school applicants must submit transcripts from the last two years.
- Continuing undergraduate applicants must submit current official transcripts (sent directly from transcripts office to Crystal Dreams).

4. Letters of Recommendation

- All applicants must submit two (2) letters of recommendation, one of which must be from an instructor, counselor, or work supervisor. The letter should highlight the applicant's abilities, accomplishments, and character. *Note: Letters from relatives are not valid.*

5. All applications and transcripts must be mailed to:

The Crystal Dreams Foundation Scholarship Committee
400 Goddard
Irvine, CA 92618

Questions may be directed to Pamela Coffey at (949) 450-8212, or crystaldreams@teccm.com



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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Last Name _____ First Name _____ M.I. _____

Address during the School Year

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____

Home Phone (____) _____ Work Phone (____) _____

Birthdate ____ / ____ / ____ Social Security Number _____ - _____ - _____

Permanent Address (if different from above)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address

Home Phone (____) _____ Work Phone (____) _____

School or College now attending _____

College you will be attending in **Fall, 2009/Spring 2010** _____

Planned Course of Study _____ Grade Point Average _____

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CERTIFICATION

I certify that all of the information I have given on this form and in the scholarship application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I hereby give the Crystal Dreams Foundation Scholarship Program permission to use this information to verify my eligibility for a scholarship. If awarded a scholarship, I agree to volunteer a minimum of 12 hours of civic/community service in support of the Crystal Dreams Foundation. Crystal Dreams reserves the right to use photos of its scholarship recipients, without further compensation or permission, in promotional materials for the foundation.

Applicant Signature

Date



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HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY TOPICS

High School applicants must submit two (2) essays. Each essay is to consist of 300 – 500 words chosen from the following subjects. PLEASE NOTE: Essays that do not meet or drastically exceed the given word count will be disqualified.

- Who has been the greatest influence in your life and how has that person(s) contributed to shaping you into the person you are today?
- How are you involved in your school or community, what leadership activities do you participate in, and what do you consider to be your most significant accomplishment/contribution?
- Where do you see yourself in 10 years? What are your career goals, and what is your plan for achieving them?

CONTINUING UNDERGRADUATE ESSAY TOPICS

Continuing undergraduate applicants must submit two (2) essays. Each essay is to consist of 400 – 600 words on one each of the following subjects. PLEASE NOTE: Essays that do not meet or drastically exceed the given word count will be disqualified.

- Choose a social issue that has had a significant impact on your community. Explain how you have been or can become involved in support of or against this issue.
- What is a role model? In what way(s) are you a role model for young children in your family/community?
- How will a college education change your life? What effect will it have on others around you?



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LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Applicant's Name _____

School now Attending _____

Please tell us why The Crystal Dreams Foundation should award this student a scholarship, and return this form with your letter.

In your response, please address the following four subjects pertaining to the applicant:

- Academic Achievement
- Civic/Community Involvement
- Leadership Qualities
- Personal Character

Evaluator's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ Work Phone (_____) _____

Relationship to Applicant _____

Signature _____ Date _____

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