



Education Scholarship Program of the Tucson Center for Cultural Enrichment

Application, essay, transcripts and letters of recommendation due:

Friday, March 19, 2010 at 5:00 pm

Mailed applications postmarked March 19, 2010 and received later than the 19th will NOT be considered.

Award announcement: April 16, 2010.

The purpose of the Center's education scholarship program is to financially assist deserving high school students wishing to continue their education in Tucson and to develop a qualified workforce within the Tucson area. A total of six \$2000 scholarships will be awarded. Two of the scholarships will be awarded to seniors pursuing a high technological, engineering, or science degree; two will be awarded to seniors pursuing a legitimate degree in a needed industry in the community; and two will be awarded to high school seniors presently attending private schools. These two private school scholarships are made possible by Institute for Better Education.

Recipients must meet and agree to the following selection criteria:

- ◆ High School Senior from Pima County;
- ◆ An interest in working and living in the Tucson area after degree completion;
- ◆ A record of acceptable school performance (must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale);
- ◆ Demonstrated outstanding qualities of positive citizenship in school and community life;
- ◆ Must use scholarship in the next twelve months and funds will be deposited directly into student's bursar account;
- ◆ Funds must be used at a local institution. Applicants naming University of Arizona or Pima Community College as schools of choice will automatically be considered. Other accredited higher education institutions located in Tucson, AZ will be taken into consideration on an application-by-application basis. For those applying that currently attend private school, funds must be used at Pima Community College, UA, or private schools in Tucson, AZ.

APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER March 19, 2010.
Please follow the instructions carefully.

2010 Scholarship Application

Date of application: _____

Personal Data:

Name (last, first) _____

Address _____

City State Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Date of Birth _____

Current high school _____

Is this a public or private school? _____

Cumulative GPA _____

Name of college(s) applied to _____

Languages (speak/write/comprehend) _____

Financial Need:

Applied for financial aid at university/college: yes _____ no _____

Approved for financial aid at university/college: yes _____ no _____

Dollar amount other than Financial Aid presently receiving via Loan Scholarship Grant:
\$ _____

Number of hours working per week: (if applicable) _____

Employer: _____

% annual assistance from family: _____

**The following information is required and must be received by
March 19, 2010:**

- Application
- One essay (See description)
- Two letters of recommendation -- one MUST be from a non-teacher
- Your high school transcripts showing SAT or ACT scores.

Note: Finalists may also have to complete an interview with the Scholarship Committee.

Essay:

Please ensure that your essay covers the following information in the format specified (see the “Essay Guidelines” below).

- 1) Explain what your career interest is in Tucson and why you feel that you are a good candidate for this scholarship. If you are interested in any specific industry or technical field, please specify it in the essay.
- 2) Explain your future plans and goals.
- 3) Include your extracurricular, community, work, or other activities in order of their importance to you, indicating your involvement.

Essay Guidelines:

- a) Typed and double-spaced on 8 ½” x 11” white paper with 1” margins on all sides.
- b) The essay text should **not** exceed two pages in length.
- c) The essay must include a title page with the following information (not included in the two page maximum):
 - Student’s name
 - Student’s address, email, and phone number
 - Student’s high school and graduation year
- d) The essay must be received by 5:00 pm on March 19, 2010.

The scholarships will be awarded based on a maximum possible score of 100. The essay will be judged by the following criteria:

- Content – maximum 45 points
- Neatness, spelling, & grammar – maximum 5 points
- The remaining 50 points will be awarded based on transcripts, community involvement and letters of recommendation.

All applications and essays will be judged by a task force from the Education Committee of the Tucson Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, a group of business representatives and educators dedicated to improving Tucson’s workforce and creating opportunities for Tucson’s youth through education.

Please send all scholarship applications and required items to:

Lizet Torres, Business Development Manager
Tucson Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce
PO Box 991
Tucson, AZ 85702 (520)792-2250 ext. 133
Ltorres@tucsonchamber.org

Applications may be found on the Chamber website (www.tucsonchamber.org)