



SALUTE TO EDUCATION

2016-2017

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM GUIDE

OBJECTIVE:

Salute to Education offers financial assistance to graduating high school seniors in Miami-Dade and Broward Counties who will pursue a post-secondary education. The program is funded by the Miami-Dade and Broward County Ford and Lincoln dealers.

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT:

In 2016-2017, *Salute to Education* will award **100 scholarships in the amount of \$1,500 each and a laptop computer** to 50 students in Miami-Dade County and 50 students in Broward County. Each scholarship check is in the amount of \$1,500 and it is a one-time grant. **Each scholarship winner will receive both a scholarship check and a laptop computer.** The \$1,500 grant is to be used **ONLY FOR TUITION AND OTHER RELATED EDUCATIONAL FEES** at the college/university the student will be attending. All scholarship checks will be made payable to the name of the college/university the students will be attending. Students must deposit their scholarship check at the college/university's financial aid office or the office of student financial affairs and the funds will be put in the student's financial accounts to be used towards tuition and/or other education related fees and costs!

APPLICATION CATEGORIES:

Candidates wishing to apply in one of the following **categories** must meet the following specific criteria. **Students may apply in ONLY ONE CATEGORY!**

- **ATHLETICS**

Along with academic excellence and community service, **the applicant must demonstrate excellence in an athletic sport and must be a member of that team/organization for a minimum of two years during his/her high school career.** Applicant should also encompass leadership qualities within the sport/team as demonstrated with awards and accolades highlighting good sportsmanship, a positive attitude and/or using his/her athletic skills to better the community. Athletic teams can include, but are not limited to, football, baseball, basketball, softball, lacrosse, tennis, swimming, track and field, volleyball, cheerleading, golf, etc.

- **ARTS - FOREIGN LANGUAGE & LANGUAGE ARTS:**

Along with academic excellence and community service, **the applicant must demonstrate and exhibit excellence in the area of Foreign Language and/or Language Arts during his/her high school career.**

- **Excellence in Foreign Language(s)** is demonstrated by a proficiency in second-language skills through listening, speaking, reading, writing, and understanding sentence-length speech, and handling a limited number of spoken communicative tasks and situations. Applicant must also have knowledge of another culture in terms of contemporary life, the arts, geography, history, and literature. Applicants must also exhibit leadership in advancing multicultural awareness while using his/her Foreign Language(s) skills as demonstrated with awards and accolades highlighting achievement in the Foreign Language within the school and the community.
- **Excellence in Language Arts** is demonstrated by an outstanding achievement or potential in the written and oral communication areas through the exhibition of written work, oral/audio/video presentations, debate team, and portfolios of writing, reading, or viewing which may incorporate the use of current technological tools. Applicants must also exhibit leadership in advancing the awareness of Language Arts as demonstrated with awards and accolades highlighting achievement in the subject matter within the school and the community.

****Please note: Those students who excel in the area of Speech & Debate should apply in the Foreign Language/Language Arts Category and NOT the Performing Arts/Visual Arts Category.***

- **ARTS - PERFORMING ARTS & VISUAL ARTS**

Along with academic excellence and community service, the applicant must demonstrate and exhibit excellence in the area of Performing Arts and/or Visual Arts.

- **Excellence in Performing Arts** is demonstrating and exhibiting excellence in one or more of the following disciplines: 1) **Theatre:** Expression of individual acting concepts and skills through improvisation, characterization in classical and contemporary production styles. Applicant must demonstrate participation in the technical/crew area of school or community performances or performance of a role in a school or community production; 2) **Instrumental:** Demonstration of a developed ability to play with confidence, good posture, excellent tone quality, and proper technique and intonation in both solo and ensemble settings. Applicant must also demonstrate composition ability and knowledge of the musical and cultural characteristics of the major style periods of music; 3) **Dance:** Demonstration of a developed ability to dance with confidence, grace, good position, technique and rhythm. Applicant must also demonstrate the ability to choreograph simple pieces and the knowledge of the musical and cultural characteristics of the major style periods of dance; 4) **Vocal:** Demonstration of a developed ability to sing with excellent pitch, technique and intonation, and with the correct notes and rhythms appropriate to the musical score. Applicant must also demonstrate the ability to vocalize

simple pieces of varying styles. Applicants must also exhibit leadership in advancing the awareness of the Performing Arts as demonstrated with awards and accolades highlighting achievement in the subject matter within the school and the community.

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- **Excellence in Visual Arts** is demonstrating and exhibiting excellence, knowledge and creative work in the following areas: **works that are primarily visual in nature, such as ceramics, drawing, painting, sculpture, printmaking, design, crafts, photography, video, filmmaking and architecture.** Application must demonstrate the knowledge of the elements and principals of design and execution. Applicant must also demonstrate confident expression of individual ideas, feelings and observations through creative works of art and an understanding and appreciation for the role of art history and artists in past and present cultures. **Also included within the visual arts are the applied arts such as industrial design, graphic design, fashion design, interior design and decorative art.** Applicants must also exhibit leadership in advancing the awareness of Visual Arts as demonstrated with awards and accolades highlighting achievement in the subject matter within the school and the community.

- **LEADERSHIP SERVICE**

Along with academic excellence, **applicant must demonstrate extensive leadership roles within his/her school along with a strong commitment to service within the community and volunteer programs.** Applicants must demonstrate this by providing details on awards and accolades highlighting achievement in leadership roles and service within the school and the community. Applicant must also provide the amount of service hours volunteered within each of the community organizations. Applicants must have a minimum 150 service hours completed by the time the Salute to Education scholarship application is submitted.

- **SCIENCES – MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES / COMPUTER SCIENCE**

Along with academic excellence in the classroom and community service, applicant must **demonstrate and exhibit excellence in the areas of Mathematical Sciences and/or Computer Sciences.**

- **Excellence in Mathematical Sciences** is **demonstrating excellence in innovative problem solving, utilization of technology to enhance problem solving, and application of creative, logical, and analytical thinking in mathematical sciences.** Excellence should be demonstrated by contributing to mathematical knowledge through individual or group research; by fostering interest in advanced mathematics; by tutoring in mathematics, or by using computer science to benefit the community. Applicant must have participated in peer tutoring, academic competition and mathematics club membership

along with mathematical course work. Applicant must have demonstration of outstanding performance in any/all of the following areas: 1) **Advanced placement mathematics classes** such as trigonometry, pre-calculus, or calculus; 2) Classes where mathematics are applied, such as **engineering**, computerized business courses, or drafting (CAD). Applicants must also exhibit leadership in advancing the awareness of Mathematical Sciences as demonstrated with awards and accolades highlighting achievement in the subject matter within the school and the community.

- **Excellence in Computer Sciences** is demonstrating excellence in areas of computer science including **computer engineering, computer information systems, software engineering, database management, computer networking, computer programming and information technology management**. Applicants must also exhibit leadership in advancing the awareness of Computer Sciences as demonstrated with awards and accolades highlighting achievement in the subject matter within the school and the community.

- **SCIENCES – NATURAL SCIENCE**

Along with **academic excellence in the classroom and community service, applicant must demonstrate and exhibit excellence in an area of Natural Science**. Excellence in Natural Science is demonstrated through advanced study or application of Natural Science including, but not limit to, **the study and principles of chemistry, physics, biology, botany, earth and space sciences, physiology and other specific areas, or by encouraging study in these areas**. Other service or activities may include promoting the preservation of the environment or working to save an endangered species. Applicants must also exhibit leadership in advancing the awareness of Natural Science as demonstrated with awards and accolades highlighting achievement in the subject matter within the school and the community.

ELIGIBILITY:

All seniors graduating from an accredited public or private high school in Miami-Dade or Broward County may apply for a scholarship. Applicants are not required to secure a faculty recommendation, though a CAP/BRACE or college advisor's signature is required on the Application Verification Form that will be sent to the college advisors once the semi-finalists are chosen.

All students meeting the scholarship requirements below may apply:

REQUIREMENTS

1. Applicants must be enrolled in a Miami-Dade or Broward County public or private high school and residing in the county where they attend school.
2. Students must maintain at least a minimum 3.0 GPA and are scheduled to graduate in 2017
3. Students must be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States with a social security number issued in their name.

CRITERIA

- Financial Need
- Academic Achievement
- Community Involvement
- Demonstrated Leadership
- Objectives Achieved
- Quality of Character
- Life Goals and Interests
- Obstacles Conquered
- Grammar and Clarity of Essays

APPLICATION PROCESS:

To apply for a 2016-2017 scholarship, all **eligible** Miami-Dade and Broward County high school seniors must follow these steps:

Step 1: Students must visit *Salute to Education's* official web site at **www.stescholarships.org** and create a username and password. The student's personal username and password will be his/her access to their application until it is completed and submitted. **Students may edit their application until the deadline date of FEBRUARY 3, 2017 or until the application has been submitted into the system.**

College Advisors: It is important to advise students to print a copy of the application for their records before they hit submit on the website.

Step 2: THE APPLICATION DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 3, 2017 AT MIDNIGHT. Once the student submits his/her application online they will receive a confirmation page (Application Confirmation Form) on the screen confirming that their application has been accepted and gone through. **STUDENTS MUST PRINT AND KEEP THIS CONFIRMATION PAGE FOR YOUR RECORD** as proof that their application was submitted. **Please tell the students to NOT call or email the Salute to Education offices to confirm if we received their application online. The officials at Salute to Education CANNOT and WILL NOT confirm whether we have received their application if they call or send us an email.** We receive more than a thousand applications into our database managed by an outside source and cannot provide that information. **The Application Confirmation Form they receive once they submit their application online (press the "Submit" button on the webpage) is the confirmation they need to guarantee we received the application through the website.**

Step 3: Once the application has been submitted, the application will go through two rounds of preliminary judging. The **semi-finalist** names (not the winners names) and pertinent information will be sent to his/her college advisor on an Application Verification Form in order for them to verify and confirm their application information to be correct. **After this form is completed then the FINAL JUDGING PHASE BEGINS and the winners are determined after this final judging page. The names on the Application Form do not list the winners. It just lists the semi-finalists names.**

- **AGAIN PLEASE MAKE SURE THE STUDENTS DO NOT FORGET TO PRINT OUT THEIR APPLICATION BEFORE PRESSING THE "SUBMIT" BUTTON. IT IS IMPORTANT FOR THEM TO HAVE WRITTEN RECORD OF THEIR APPLICATION JUST IN CASE THERE IS A COMPUTER ERROR OF SOME SORT.**
- **INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.**
- **APPLICATIONS THAT DO NOT HAVE THE ANNUAL FAMILY INCOME RANGE (as shown on their 2015 Tax Return) LISTED WILL BE DISQUALIFIED**

FINAL JUDGING AND WINNER NOTIFICATION:

Two separate panels within the Salute to Education Scholarship Committee composed of Ford and Lincoln dealers and community leaders representing the private and public sectors from both counties will conduct final judging. Each scholarship recipient will be notified in writing via mailed letter and e-mail. Additionally, their CAP/BRACE or College Advisors will be asked to view the results directly at www.stescholarships.org once the scholarship winners are announced.

WEB SITE:

For more information on this year's *Salute to Education* Scholarship Program, students and CAP/BRACE or College Advisors are encouraged to visit the official *Salute to Education* web site at www.stescholarships.org

TIMETABLE:

- Fall:** Online application will be available for students at the *Salute to Education* web site: www.stescholarships.org in **Mid-October 2016**
- Winter:** All applications must be submitted by **FEBRUARY 3, 2017**. After the semi-finalists are determined, an APPLICATION VERIFICATION FORM will be sent to the college advisors listing the semi-finalists name from their school. Each student listed must sign the form acknowledging that the information they submitted was correct. The College Advisor needs to sign this form as well.
- Spring:** ***Salute to Education* announces the 2017 scholarship recipients in mid-April.** The students will be honored and the scholarship checks and laptops will be distributed at the annual 21st Annual *Salute to Education* scholarship awards ceremony on June 3, 2017 at the Signature Grand in Davie, Florida.

IMPLEMENTATION:

THE ROLE OF CAP/BRACE AND COLLEGE ADVISORS:

The participation of administrators and CAP/BRACE or College Advisors is critical for the successful implementation of the *Salute to Education* scholarship program at the high school level. Implementation will vary according to the type of school or school system (i.e. Miami-Dade/Broward County public schools, Archdiocese of Miami, independent private schools, etc.). In instances where an administrative network is in place, such as the public or archdiocesan schools, all communication and implementation will be centralized through the existing system. CAP/BRACE Advisors will be the primary contacts at all Miami-Dade and Broward County public high schools, and College Advisors/Counselors will serve as the main contacts at private schools.

CAP/BRACE and College Advisors are asked to disseminate all appropriate materials and notify students of the scholarship program using such tactics as:

- Link to Salute to Education's website on each school website
- Announcements at school assemblies
- Announcements in school newspaper/scholarship bulletins
- Announcements through school teachers
- Posting of materials supplied by *Salute to Education*
- Any other means available at their schools

CAP/BRACE and College Advisors are also asked to assist candidates with the application process if needed.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL CAP/BRACE and/or COLLEGE ADVISORS, STUDENTS AND PARENTS:

WAYS TO CONTACT US:

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INTENDED USE OF SCHOLARSHIP GRANT

The full amount of the grant must be used **only for TUITION AND OTHER EDUCATIONAL FEES** to the college/university the scholarship winner will be attending (the name of the institution the student puts on the College Verification Form). **No part of the grant should be used for incidental expenses such as: room and board; suggested, but not required, equipment and supplies; travel; research; or clerical help.** **The scholarship check will be made out to the name of the college/university AND NOT THE STUDENT'S NAME!** The check must be deposited in the student's financial aid account at the college/university and may not be deposited in the student's personal bank account. If for any reason the student is unable to attend a qualified educational institution, the full amount of the grant must be returned to *Salute to Education, Inc.*