



Scholarship Fund Application and Instructions High School Applicants

**Please read the following instructions carefully before completing the
Hearthstone Housing Foundation Scholarship Fund Application.**

Scholarship awards range from \$500 to \$5,000.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for a Hearthstone Housing Foundation Scholarship, you must meet the following requirements:

- Be from a low-income household or demonstrate financial need.
- Be 16-25 years of age.
- Reside at a Hearthstone Housing Foundation property or reside in a county where a Hearthstone Housing property is located. To view a list of eligible counties, visit www.hearthstonehousing.org and click the "[Properties](#)" link.
- Attend high school or college/university full-time, trade school, professional leadership training, or enroll in a college test-taking preparation course, leadership conference, or other academic enriching activity in the 2016-2017 academic year.
- Maintain at least a **3.0 GPA**.
- Be available for a phone interview in May 2016.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING APPLICATION PACKET

- **Your COMPLETE application packet must be received or postmarked by March 31, 2016.**
- Answer **all** questions on the application.
- It is preferred that your application be typed. However, if you must submit a handwritten application, please write legibly.
- Please remember to sign and date your application. If you are under the age of 18, your parent/guardian must sign the application, as well.
- There are several attachments to the application. They must **all** be received by the deadline in order for your application to be considered complete:
 - Personal Statement of no more than one page in length (further instructions on the next page)
 - Sealed letters of recommendation (further instructions on the next page)
 - Official transcripts (only sealed, official copies are acceptable)
 - Proof of 2015 income (e.g., 2015 tax return [Form 1040] or full FAFSA Student Aid Report – not just the first page).
- Do **not** staple pages; affix multiple pages with a paperclip only.
- Do **not** send double-sided copies.
- Do **not** send your application packet electronically.

PERSONAL STATEMENT

- Your personal statement is **limited to one page**, must be typed in 12-point font, Times New Roman, must have one inch margins, and be single-spaced.
- Your personal statement should include a description and explanation of your experiences that provide us the necessary background to evaluate your eligibility for this scholarship. It should include the following:
 - Name on upper right hand corner.
 - Your personal, professional, and/or academic goals.
 - Your academic progress to date. Share any obstacles you have overcome and/or major accomplishments you have achieved.
 - Your involvement in community service or volunteer activities.
 - The amount (\$500-\$5,000) you would like the Hearthstone Scholarship Fund Committee to consider and how this scholarship will help you. Please note that should you be awarded, the amount requested is **not guaranteed**.
 - Additional information that you would like to share about yourself which is not covered in the application packet.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

- Two (2) letters of recommendations in **sealed** envelopes are required for all applicants. They can be included in your application packet or sent directly to us from your recommender. Please do not send more than 2 letters.
- Letters are not to exceed one page.
- Letters written by an academic or professional reference are preferred.
- Each letter must be on **letterhead, signed** and **dated** within the last 6 months.
- The letters should include:
 - Relationship to applicant
 - Length of time acquainted to applicant
 - Description of applicant's personal and professional drive, ability to accomplish goals, academic/work ethic

Your application will only be considered if all sections are completed and if all required documents are submitted by the deadline: MARCH 31, 2016

Mail a complete hard copy package to:

Hearthstone Housing Foundation
Attn: HHF Scholarship Committee
20331 Irvine Ave., Suite E-1
Newport Beach, CA 92660



**Scholarship Fund
2016-2017 Academic Year
High School Application**

APPLICANT INFORMATION			
Last Name, First Name, M.I.:			
Permanent Street Address:			
City, State, Zip Code:			
County (please check our list of eligible counties):			
If your mailing address is different from above, please provide Street Address, City, State, Zip Code:			
Do you live in a Hearthstone property (one of our apartment buildings)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If so, name of property :	
Are you a U.S. Citizen:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Are you a Permanent Resident?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Home Phone Number:		Alternate Phone Number:	
Personal Email Address:			
Alternate Email Address:			
Date of Birth:		Current Age:	
		Gender:	<input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F
Name of Father/Guardian:		Name of Mother/Guardian:	
Ethnic Background (optional):	<input type="checkbox"/> Caucasian <input type="checkbox"/> Latino/Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Asian/PI <input type="checkbox"/> African-American <input type="checkbox"/> Indian/Native American <input type="checkbox"/> Middle Eastern <input type="checkbox"/> Other (identify) _____		

CURRENT EDUCATION INFORMATION (attach an additional sheet, if necessary)			
HIGH SCHOOL CURRENTLY ATTENDING:			
City, State:			
Attended From (date):		Attended To (date):	
Grade Level:	<input type="checkbox"/> Sophomore <input type="checkbox"/> Junior <input type="checkbox"/> Senior	Cumulative GPA:	
Anticipated Graduation Date:		<input type="checkbox"/> Diploma <input type="checkbox"/> GED	
COLLEGE ATTENDED DURING HIGH SCHOOL (if applicable):			
City, State:		Cumulative GPA:	
Classes Taken:		Units Completed:	
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If your request is for a high school activity or for entering college full-time for the 2016-2017 academic year, please complete applicable section.

HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC ENRICHING ACTIVITY:			
Activity:			
Sponsoring Organization:			
Location:		Date(s):	
Brief Description:			
COLLEGE ATTENDING IN FALL 2016:			
City, State:			
Degree/Major:			
Anticipated Graduation Date:			

FINANCIAL INFORMATION			
Amount Requested:	I am requesting \$_____ in scholarship funds for the 2016-2017 year (between \$500 and \$5,000)		
Estimated Educational Expenses:	Tuition/Fees	\$ _____/year	
	Books/Materials:	\$ _____/year	
	Rooms & Board:	\$ _____/year	
	Miscellaneous:	\$ _____/year	
	Total Education Expenses:	\$ _____/year	
Have you applied for federal financial aid?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Have you applied for other grants/scholarships? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If Yes, please provide a breakdown of financial aid, grants, and/or scholarships awarded for the 2016-2017 academic year.			
Funding Organization/Source	Funding Amount	Funding Organization/Source	Funding Amount
	\$ _____		\$ _____
	\$ _____		\$ _____
	\$ _____		\$ _____
What is your Expected Family Contribution (EFC)?	\$ _____		
Financial contributions towards your education for the 2016-2017 academic year:	Parent/Guardian Contribution:	\$ _____/year	
	Total Financed by Loans:	\$ _____/year	
	Total Awarded by Grants/Scholarships:	\$ _____/year	
	Other:	\$ _____/year	
	_____	\$ _____/year	
	Total Contributions:	\$ _____/year	
Household Income:	Parent/Guardian Income:	\$ _____/year	
	Personal Income:	\$ _____/year	
	Spouse Income:	\$ _____/year	
	Other Income:	\$ _____/year	
	Total Household Income:	\$ _____/year	
Household Size:	_____ people	Is anyone else in your household attending college in Fall 2016?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, how many people: _____

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

AWARDS/RECOGNITION:

Title	Granting Organization	Year

STUDENT / CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT:

Involvement	Organization	Year

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS:

Position	Organization	Year

VOLUNTEER INVOLVEMENT:

Involvement	Organization	Year	Hours per week

INTERNSHIPS or WORK EXPERIENCE:

Specialty/Focus	Organization	Year	Hours per week

STUDY ABROAD:

Area of Study/Focus	Country	Year

DISCLAIMER AND SIGNATURE

I, the undersigned, certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. If this application leads to a scholarship award, I understand that false or misleading information in my application or interview may result in disqualification. In recognition of benefits conferred by Hearthstone Housing Foundation Scholarship Fund, I hereby authorize Hearthstone, its employees, agents, and assigns, to release any stories, quotes, or photographs taken of and from me for publication. I hereby agree to hold Hearthstone harmless of liability should such pictures or photographs, either accompanied or unaccompanied by printed material, appear in other publications by whomsoever published, circulated, or distributed. I understand that this authorization for media release is subject to revocation at any time. I also understand and agree that this authorization for media release will terminate only upon the execution of my written statement indicating my intent to revoke this authorization, and that without such written revocation, this authorization will remain in effect.

Applicant Signature		Date:	
Parent/Guardian Signature (for applicants under age 18)		Date:	