

DREAM HELPERS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

“A Dream is more than a Word it’s a Reality”

The General Scholarship Fund

Dream Helpers recognizes outstanding academic achievement, leadership potential, service to community, and the desire to pursue higher education through its annual scholarship awards. Scholarships are awarded to outstanding youth whom are graduating seniors that will pursue post-secondary education at technical schools, as well as, four-year colleges and universities. Recipients are eligible to receive a one-time award of \$250.

Who is eligible to apply for the scholarship?

Members who are current high school seniors, who have been accepted to a postsecondary institution, and have been actively involved in school organizations, church ministries and other Youth Department activities for at least one full year at the time of application. (Some examples might include the choir, usher, athletics, school sponsored organization, etc.)

Applicants must submit all required documentation: application, typed essay, letter of acceptance, and forms verifying participation in required organizations.

Applicants must place all application materials in a sealed envelope, along with one copy of their senior/graduation picture. All requested documents must be placed in the mail or post dated by _____.

The Selection Criteria

- An applicant must earn a high school diploma or GED and be accepted to a postsecondary institution.
- Consistent participation in activities/auxiliaries. Applicant must submit one letter of recommendation signed by a ministry leader, community leader, school official who is familiar with the individual’s participation and performance. Please submit a completed and properly signed verification form along with your application.
- Involvement in community. **You must participate in the “Leaving the Nest” Dream Helpers**
- This Institute is designed to assist students in successfully transitioning from high school to college. Topics discussed will include: Teen Health Issues, Service Learning, Securing Financial Assistance, Money Management and more.
- A typed essay should incorporate the roles of post secondary education, and how it can influence your life. More specifically, it should express your career goals and the specific contributions you plan to make to the community after completing postsecondary training. It must be a well written piece that will also exhibit your understanding of grammar, syntax and the overall mechanics/format of an essay.

APPLICATION DUE DATE: APRIL 17, 2009

How to Apply

Applicants must submit a scholarship application and supporting documents by the deadline. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered! **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

APPLICATION DEADLINE: _____.

AWARDS PRESENTED: During Graduation Night.

A complete application packet must include the following:

- The scholarship application with all sections completed.
- A graduation photograph with your name and high school listed on the back.
- A letter of acceptance from a post-secondary institution.
- A letter of recommendation must be submitted that documents the applicant's level of participation and involvement in any school activities.
- A letter must be written by a person or a community leader, boss, supervisor of any other auxiliary in which the applicant is active.
- A letter must be written by a friend that expresses how their friendship has helped them through the rigorous life as a teenager.

Instructions: Please complete the entire application. Type or print, using blue or black ink. All questions must be answered for the application to be considered for the scholarship.

Name	Middle	Last
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Street/Post Office Box	City	State	Zip Code
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Home Telephone Number	Cellular Number	Email Address
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Parent(s)/Guardian Name and Address

Name of High School	Address	City	State	Zip Code
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The Essay

Please attach a one-page, typewritten essay on the theme, “My Dream and How and I going to accomplish it”: The Benefits of Receiving the Scholarship from Dream Helpers” expressing how this scholarship will be beneficial to obtaining your degree. Also, include your career goals and specific contributions you plan to make to the community after completing your degree.

All essays must be typed and submitted along with the application. Please use a separate sheet of paper, record your name on the essay and attach it to this application. An essay will be chosen to be read by the winning recipient during the Scholarship Banquet. Essays will be evaluated according to these categories: usage and mechanics, clarity and coherence, adherence to theme, and inclusion of adequate details.

Letters of Recommendation

Please submit one letter of recommendation from the Youth Director or any other church ministry leader in which you are active, documenting your level of participation and involvement in youth department activities.

Letter of Acceptance from a College/University

A copy of the letter of acceptance from the post-secondary institution where you plan to attend must be attached with your application.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT ALL INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THIS APPLICATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

Signature of Applicant

Date

APPLICATION DEADLINE: _____.

AWARDS PRESENTED: _____.
(BACK TO SCHOOL SERVICE)

APPLICATION DUE DATE: APRIL 17, 2009

CHECKLIST

Please complete the following checklist and submit it with your application.

Thank you for applying for a scholarship offered by Dream Helpers. Please submit the completed application package no later than April 17, 2009 by 5:00 P.M. Put your application in a sealed envelope and place it inside the designated box located in church office.

Please complete this checklist and make certain that you have submitted all required materials.

These materials include:

- _____ Completed and signed application
- _____ Graduation/Senior Photograph
- _____ Letter of acceptance to an Institution of Higher Learning
- _____ Letter of recommendation by the Youth Director/Auxiliary Leader indicating your consistent participation in church activities indicating length of time
- _____ Typed essay. The essay must be consistent with the outlined theme.

PLEASE INCLUDE THIS FORM WITH YOUR APPLICATION MATERIALS.

I have submitted the materials indicated above as part of my scholarship application.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Any questions please contact a representative at (803) 586-4401.

Send all packages to
Dream Helpers
PO Box 8515
Columbia, SC 29202

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