

# USAWOASF/Grantham University On-Line Scholarship Program

The USAWOA Scholarship Foundation (USAWOASF) was created in 2003 to assume administration of the USAWOA scholarship program. The Foundation is pleased to offer a four year on-line scholarship to Grantham University beginning in school year 2017-2021.

The goal of this portion of the program is to make cost-free on line scholarship awards to the most deserving candidate. Decisions are made by a selection committee and are based on the whole-person concept. This school year we plan to award one four-year on-line scholarship to a deserving applicant. The Grantham University Catalog is available on the USAWOASF Web site and we encourage all to review that document before applying for a scholarship. Both undergraduate and graduate program scholarships are available.

Application packets, utilizing the attached forms and special criteria must be received by May 1, 2017 in order to be considered for this year's program. Completed application packets should be mailed directly to: USAWOA Scholarship Foundation, 462 Herndon Pkwy, Suite 207, Herndon, VA 20170-5235.

Applications will be accepted from association regular members in good standing, their spouses and their children (natural and adopted) and stepchildren (seniors in high school or above). Members must have been a member of the USAWOA for a minimum of six months prior to the date of the application.

All must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

1. Read and fully understand the articles ["How to Increase My Odds of Gaining A USAWOA Scholarship"](#), ["How to Make Scholarship Providers Love You"](#) and the ["New USAWOASF Scoring Program"](#).
2. [The 2017 Grantham Scholarship application form](#) (Must be typed or block printed, not handwritten).
3. A typewritten essay titled "My Educational Goals and How Those Goals Will Benefit the World Around Me" (800 – 1000 words) **Sign and provide word count at the bottom of the last page. If you have applied before, you must submit a new essay.**
4. Special circumstances, if any, which may affect the applicant's school attendance (i.e. medical, family dislocation, Financial, etc.). Factors such as number of children in family, number of children in college, scholarships or lack thereof already obtained, and single parent families may be listed.
5. Provide a detailed list of extracurricular activities the applicant was involved in. Please address school related activities and community activities. Address the length of time, or hours spent, and efforts of involvement, as well as offices held. List any awards or special recognitions received and any training received outside of school.
6. Recommendations from a high school (or foreign equivalent) teacher, counselor, and community member are required. It must be a current faculty advisor if the applicant is already attending college or trade school, not a high school faculty advisor.

All three recommendations must be from different individuals, dated (less than three months old) and signed.

7. National Test Scores, either SAT or ACT, for all applications including those currently enrolled in higher education. If a national test was not taken, provide a letter of explanation. Lack of test scores will greatly hinder the chance of getting an award.

8. Academic Achievement. Provide high school (and college if applicable) transcripts showing courses, grades and grade point average. These must be official copies that are dated, signed, and sealed.

9. A 4" x 6" head and shoulders photograph, in portrait mode on glossy or semi-glossy photo paper, only of the applicant. The photo must contain nothing but the applicant and a background (no dogs, horses, or friends).

Applications must be complete at the time of receipt. No "partial" applications will be accepted. All applications must be received at the USAWOASF Headquarters by the 1st of May to be considered. Each application will be rated by utilizing the whole person approach. Each of the above areas must be addressed in detail because failure to do so will result in loss of points in that area and may well move the applicant out of contention for an award. Awards will be announced during the first part of July. Names and photos of selectees will be published in the USAWOA NEWSLINER and posted on the USAWOASF Online Scholarships Awarded at <http://www.usawoa.org/scholarship/previous-scholarships-awarded/> as soon as possible after the announcement of the awards.

Contact us at [Niskier@verizon.net](mailto:Niskier@verizon.net) or 1-800-587-2962 to learn how to endow a specific scholarship either in memory of or in honor of specific individuals or activities.