

## USAWOASF Regular Scholarship Program

The USAWOA Scholarship Foundation was created in 2003 to assume administration of the USAWOA scholarship program. The Foundation is pleased to offer the program for school year 2017-2018.

The goal of the program is to make financial awards to the most deserving candidates. Decisions are made by a selection committee and are based on the whole-person concept. Various awards will be made to the selected applicants, based upon availability of funds.

Application packets must be received between January 1 and 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 Parkway, Suite 207, Herndon, VA 20170-5235.

Applications will be accepted from the spouses, children (natural and adopted), grandchildren and dependent stepchildren, under the age of 23 years (seniors in high school or above); of members in good standing in the USAWOA. Sponsoring member must have been a member of the USAWOA for a minimum of six months prior to the date of the application. USAWOA members are not eligible for the USAWOASF Regular Scholarship but are eligible to apply for the Grantham, University On-Line Scholarship.

All applicants must be in their senior year of high school (or higher) and plan to attend, or continue their education, in an accredited American college/university, vocational technical institution on a full time basis. All must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale. The school must be a degree or certificate granting institution.

If applicants are attending a foreign school/university a certification (in English) must be provided which clearly explains the type of school, the educational program, and the type and level of degree or certification awarded at the conclusion of study. The application packet consists of a single original copy of each of the items listed below:

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. Basic 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. To download the USAWOASF Regular Scholarship Application for School Year 2017-2018, go to the following web address: <http://www.usawoa.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/USAWOASF-Regular-2017-Award-Application.pdf>

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 page, (click [here](#) to view) as soon as possible after the announcement of the awards. Scholarship distribution is made upon receipt of

questionnaire sent with announcement letter. Checks will be made out to the educational institution and will be sent to the student's designated financial aid office.

The USAWOASF also offers a special On-Line Scholarship from Grantham University. A special application form is required for that program. For information about the Grantham Scholarship, go to the following web address:

<http://www.usawoa.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/Grantham-On-Line-Info-2017.pdf>

To download the USAWOASF On-Line Grantham Scholarship Application Form for School Year 2016-2017, go to the following web address:

<http://www.usawoa.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/USAWOASF-Grantham-Univ-On-Line-2017-Application.pdf>

This award allows the awardee to complete his or her educational requirements on-line and should be especially interesting for those who cannot attend classes in a formal educational environment. USAWOA members as well as their dependents may apply for this scholarship.