Harris-Stowe State University Alumni Association
Scholarship Application Description and Instructions

Mission

The Harris-Stowe State University Alumni Association scholarship is an academic merit scholarship reserved for the university’s most academically gifted student(s). The funds are raised through generous donations and considerable volunteer effort of many people in the community in an effort to support their alma mater and community. The individuals supporting this scholarship understand their own role in supporting the institution of education and serve as models for current students who will take their own place as leaders in the community in the future.

Scholarship Description

The association’s board of directors and scholarship committee participate in awarding this scholarship to Harris-Stowe students. The association gathers donations throughout the year to fund this scholarship. The scholarship amount will vary but will not exceed the amount of tuition for one year. This year the scholarship will be $2,000.00.

The scholarship is paid in two equal installments over two semesters – half at the beginning of the fall semester and half at the beginning of the spring semester. The funds will be applied directly to the student’s account. The scholarship can only be applied toward tuition; it cannot be applied to fees, room and board, books or school supplies. The award does not cover tuition for summer school or continuing education.

Eligibility

- Full-time student: applicants must be enrolled full-time (12 units) at Harris-Stowe State University.
- Minimum 3.0 CGPA: applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 for consideration.
- Junior or Senior status: applicant must be officially classified as a Junior by the fall semester of the year of application.
- Any major: the Alumni Association scholarship is open to students from any major.

Application Deadline

Applications will be accepted through May 30, 2006. Return completed applications to the Harris-Stowe State University Office of Alumni Relations, Room 110. Applications received after this date and incomplete applications will not be considered.

Application Requirements

- Application: complete the one-page application.
- Essay: write a two-page essay responding to the question provided.
- References: supply two letters of reference from faculty, administrator or others who have first-hand knowledge of your academic ability. Letters should not exceed one page, should be signed and should contain a telephone number of the individual providing the reference. A member of the association’s scholarship committee will contact each reference.
- Interview: be prepared to be interviewed. This may take the form of a face-to-face meeting or a telephone interview by one or more members of the scholarship committee. The purpose of this interview is to grant applicants the opportunity to demonstrate their academic strengths and academic accomplishments.
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**Applicant’s General Information**

Name: _________________________________________________________________________________

Address: _______________________________________________________________________________

Telephone: _____________________________ E-mail: _______________________________________

**Academics**

Grade level: ___________________________ Cumulative GPA (min. 3.0): _____________________

Major: ________________________________________________________________________________

Academic honors / awards: _________________________________________________________________

**Essay Question**

Write a two-page, typed, double-spaced essay on the following question. Type and sign your name on the last page of your essay.

“Funding of the Alumni Association scholarship comes from alumni and the community. If you were awarded the scholarship, what would you do to return something to the university, community and association?”

**References**

See the attached instruction sheet for details about supplying two letters of reference.

**Submittal and Authorization**

- I authorize the Harris-Stowe State University Alumni Association to contact university personnel and references in order to process this application.
- I verify that to the best of my knowledge the information herein is correct and complete.
- I understand that submitting this application does not guarantee I will receive a scholarship.

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Signature Date