



Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans, Inc.

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2012 Horatio Alger Scholarship Application Information

The Horatio Alger Association seeks to assist students who have demonstrated integrity, perseverance in overcoming adversity, strength of character, financial need, a good academic record, commitment to pursue a college education, and a desire to contribute to society.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The eligibility criteria to be considered for all Horatio Alger National and State Scholarship Programs are as follows:

- ◆ Enrolled full time as a high school senior, progressing normally toward graduation in spring/summer of 2012, with plans to enter a college in the United States no later than the fall following graduation
- ◆ A strong commitment to pursuing and completing a **bachelor's degree** at an accredited institution (students may start their studies at a two-year institution and then transfer to a four-year institution)
- ◆ Critical financial need, preferably \$50,000 or lower adjusted gross income per family
- ◆ Involvement in co-curricular and community service activities
- ◆ Minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0
- ◆ United States citizenship

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

To apply for the Horatio Alger Scholarship Programs, the following items must be completed **by October 30, 2011**:

- ◆ Students must submit an online application at www.horatioalger.org/scholarships.
- ◆ Students must submit one letter of support. The letter of support should be from an adult who understands your adversity and can describe the unique circumstances in your life. **This form must be filled out online.**
- ◆ All applicants must complete the Academic Information section and Adversity section in order for the online Certification Form to be accessed by your counselor. A login will be emailed to your counselor and they will be required to complete the Certifications form online once these two sections are complete. (Please notify your counselor that they will receive an email from the Association providing instructions for how to complete the certifications form online).
- ◆ Students must submit a copy of their official high school transcript. You have the option to either upload a transcript through the application or send it via mail.
- ◆ All applicants must submit a copy of **only** the front page of their parent/guardian's federal tax return (1040, 1040A, 1040 EZ or 1099 SSA-Social Security form) for 2010 in order to verify income stated on application. If your parents were not required to file a tax return, include statement copies of any government benefits, such as food stamps or Public Assistance documents.
- ◆ All applicants are required to submit a cover sheet with their income verification information (available online).

Please mail all supporting documents to the following address:

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