



2009/2010 Get A Grip High School Student Scholarship

Overview

The Blood Center of Central Texas will award three \$1,000 scholarships for tuition assistance to eligible high school seniors who will be attending a higher education institution after graduation. These scholarships will recognize students who have shown a commitment to community service and volunteerism through organizing and participating in high school blood drives.

Scholarship applications will be reviewed by a Blood Center committee of community volunteers, and recipients will be chosen based on the following criteria:

Essay	40%
Community Service/Volunteering	20%
Academics/School Activities	15%
Awards/Recognition	15%
Letters of Recommendation	10%

Finalists will be chosen and invited to The Blood Center for personal interviews by committee members. The committee will choose three winners from the five finalists.

Eligibility Criteria

All application materials must be sent together in one envelope and postmarked by Monday, March 1, 2010. Scholarship recipients will be notified by April 19, 2010. Scholarships will be awarded in May.

Eligible applicants must:

- Be a U.S. Citizen or legal permanent resident.
- Be currently attending high school with a cumulative 2.5 grade point average or higher.
- Applicant's high school must sponsor at least two blood drives within the 2009-2010 school year.
- Complete the scholarship application and essay with 3 typed and signed letters of recommendation from non-relatives and from different entities.

How to Apply

Complete and submit the application form along with a high school transcript and photograph (senior yearbook or head shot). Applications may be mailed or delivered to The Blood Center, Attn. Scholarship Program, 4300 N. Lamar, Austin, TX 78756.

Applications may be obtained by going to www.inyourhands.org. Click on the High School program to download a printable version. Copies are also available at The Blood Center, 4300 N. Lamar, Austin.

Applicants do not need to be accepted to a higher education institution before applying. Proof of enrollment will be required before an award check can be issued.

For More Information

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Applicant Information:

Academic Year: 2009-2010
Application Deadline: March 1, 2010

Student Name (Last, First MI)

Date of Birth

Address

City

State

Zip Code

Telephone: Home: _____ Other: _____

E-mail: _____

High School

Date of Graduation

GPA: _____

Educational Plans:

List all Colleges **Applied to:**

List any Colleges you have been **Accepted By:**

Applicant's Signature

Date

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Please Type or Print. You may use additional paper if necessary.

1. ACADEMICS/SCHOOL ACTIVITIES (15 percent)

List any high school extracurricular activities that you have participated in (Include any clubs, student government, teams, or student offices held):

2. AWARDS/RECOGNITION (15 percent)

List any awards, honors, or special recognition that you received in high school:

3. COMMUNITY SERVICE/VOLUNTEERING (20 percent)

List any volunteering, community service, and work experience. Include beginning and ending dates:

4. ESSAY (40 percent)

Please write a one- to two-page essay, double-spaced, typed in Times Roman 12pt font about the following topic:

A persuasive essay to encourage other high school students to become blood donors for life.

5. LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION (10 percent)

Please attach at least three letters of recommendation from persons other than relatives and from different entities.

Mail to:

The Blood Center of Central Texas
Attn: Get A Grip Student Scholarship
4300 N Lamar Blvd
Austin, Texas 78756-3421

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