



Family & Friends Connection, Inc.

REALIZING YOUR SELF-WORTH SCHOLARSHIP FUND

“Self-worth boosts self-confidence, self-confidence boost personal accomplishments”

Family & Friends Connection, Inc. Academic Scholarship Award

Family & Friends Connection, Inc. recognizes that the journey is not easy, but if you have been striving in your academic pursuit, possess some basic leadership qualities, provided services to your community, and have the desire to pursue higher education, then you may be eligible to receive a scholarship award. Scholarships are awarded to outstanding youths who are graduating seniors and will pursue post-secondary education at technical schools, as well as two year colleges and universities. Recipients are eligible to receive a one-time award.

Who is eligible to apply for the scholarship?

Current South Florida High School Seniors, who have been accepted to a postsecondary institution and have been actively involved in student government, faith based outreach, and other youth department activities, for at least one full year at the time of application. (Some examples might include cheerleaders, ushers, shelter volunteers, athletes, and members of school or church sponsored organizations, etc.)

Applicants must submit all required documentations, application, typed essay, letter of acceptance, and forms verifying participation in required organizations.

Applicants must place all application materials in a sealed envelope, along with one copy of their senior graduation picture. All required documents must be placed in the mail or postdated by Midnight, May 9th of the high school graduation year.

The Selection Criteria

- An applicant must earn a high school diploma or GED and be accepted to a postsecondary institution.
- Consistent participation in activities/auxiliaries: Applicants must submit a letter of recommendation from either a minister, community leader, or school official who is familiar with the individual's participation and performance.
- Involvement in your community: Please submit a completed and properly signed verification form along with your application.
- A typed essay should incorporate the roles of post-secondary education and how it can influence your life. More specifically, it should express your career goals and the specific contributions you plan to make to the community after completing post-secondary training. It must be a well written piece that will also exhibit your understanding of grammar syntax, punctuation and the overall mechanics and format of an essay.

How to Apply

Applicants must submit a scholarship application and supporting documentations by the stated deadline. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered! **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Midnight, May 9th of graduation year.

- **AWARD PRESENTED:** The winning recipients will receive their awards at the Annual FFC Scholarship Banquet.

A complete application packet must include the following:

- The scholarship application with all sections completed.
- A high school graduate photograph with your name and high school listed on the back.
- At least one letter of acceptance from a post-secondary institution.
- A letter of recommendation must be submitted that documents the applicant's level of participation and involvement in any school activities.
- A letter must be written by a community leader, boss, or supervisor of any other auxiliary in which the applicant is active.

**Instructions: Please complete the entire application. Type or print, using blue or black ink.
All questions must be answered for the application to be considered for the scholarship.**

Applicant's Name:

First	Middle	Last
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Address:

Street	City	State	Zip
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Code

Contact information:

Home	Cellular	Email
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Parent(s)/Guardian:

First	Last	Email
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Address:

Street	City	State	Zip
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Code

High School:

Name

Address:

Street	City	State	Zip
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Code

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS

1. Please list names of post- secondary institutions applied to with indication of acceptance status.

Names of Post-Secondary Institutions Applied to	Application Status
_____ /	_____
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_____ /	_____
_____ /	_____

List the name of the institution you will be attending this fall.

Name:

Address:

2. List the community organization that you are a member of or have participated in, and total number of volunteer hours completed.

- I. _____ total hours _____
- II. _____ total hours _____
- III. _____ total hours _____
- IV. _____ total hours _____
- V. _____ total hours _____

The Essay

Please attach a type written essay, 500 words or more, on the theme, “**I too can make a change and how receiving this scholarship will be beneficial to attaining my degree.**” Also include you career goals and any specific contributions you plan to make to the community after completing your degree.

All essays must be:

- Typed and submitted with the application.
- Please record your name on the essay and attach it to this application.
- The top four recipients will be selected for an award.
- The recipients will receive their awards at the scholarship banquet.
- Essays will be evaluated according to these categories: grammar usage and mechanics, clarity and coherence, adherence to theme and inclusion of adequate details.

Letter of Recommendation

Please submit letter(s) of recommendation from any City, State or school official, clergy or prominent business owner in which you are active, documenting your level of participation and involvement in community activities.

Letter of Acceptance from a College/University

A copy of the letter of acceptance from the post-secondary institution where you plan to attend must be attached with your application.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT ALL INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THIS APPLICATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

Print name

Signature

Date 2015

CHECKLIST

Please complete the following checklist and submit with your application.

Thank you for applying for a scholarship. Please submit the completed application package no later than

Midnight, May 9th of graduation year. Place your application in a sealed envelope and mail it to:

Attention: Marcia Barriffe, MBA
Scholarship Coordinator
Family & Friends Connection, Inc. Scholarship Fund
Miramar Professional Plaza
8910 Miramar Parkway
Suite 109
Miramar FL 33025.

Please complete checklist and ensure that all required materials are being submitted.

These materials include:

- _____ Completed and signed application
- _____ Senior photograph
- _____ Letter of acceptance to an institution of higher learning
- _____ Letter of recommendation
- _____ Typed essay
- _____ Name of high school

PLEASE INCLUDE THIS FORM WITH YOUR APPLICATION MATERIALS

Print name

Signature

Date

If you have questions, please contact a representative at:
(954)842-6714 or (954)319-7066

Mail Packages to:
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