



**SALUTE TO EDUCATION
2011-2012
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM GUIDE**

OBJECTIVE:

Salute to Education offers financial assistance to graduating high school seniors in Miami-Dade and Broward Counties who will pursue a post-secondary education. The program is funded by the Miami-Dade and Broward County Ford and Lincoln Mercury dealers.

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT:

In 2011-2012, *Salute to Education* will award **100 scholarships in the amount of \$1,500 each and a laptop computer** to 50 students in Miami-Dade County and 50 students in Broward County. Each scholarship check is in the amount of \$1,500 each and it is a one-time grant. **Each scholarship winner will receive both a scholarship check and a laptop computer.** The \$1,500 grant is to be used **ONLY FOR TUITION AND EDUCATIONAL FEES** at the college/university the student will be attending. All scholarship checks will be made payable to the name of the college/university the students will be attending. Students must deposit their scholarship check at the college/university's financial aid office or the office of student financial affairs and the funds will be put in the student's financial accounts to be used towards tuition and/or other education related fees and costs!

CATEGORIES:

Candidates wishing to apply in one of the following **4 main categories** must meet the following specific criteria. **Students may apply in ONLY ONE CATEGORY**

- **ATHLETICS**

Applicant must demonstrate **EXCELLENCE IN ATHLETICS** as a two-year varsity athlete and **demonstrate leadership qualities** along with exhibiting good sportsmanship and a positive attitude.

- **ARTS**

Applicant must demonstrate and exhibit **EXCELLENCE** in either the areas of **FOREIGN LANGUAGES, LANGUAGE ARTS, PERFORMING ARTS or VISUAL ARTS.**

Those demonstrating and exhibiting excellence in the area of **Foreign Languages** must demonstrate proficiency in second-language skills through listening, speaking, reading, writing, and understanding sentence-length speech, and handling a limited number of spoken communicative tasks and situations. Applicant must also have knowledge of another culture in terms of contemporary life, the arts, geography, history, and literature. Applicants must also exhibit leadership in advancing multicultural awareness and an expressed commitment to promote global understanding through continued study of foreign languages and cultures.

Those demonstrating and exhibiting excellence in the area of **Language Arts** must demonstrate outstanding achievement or potential in the communication areas through the exhibition of written work, oral/audio/video presentations, debate, and portfolios of writing, reading, or viewing which may incorporate the use of current technological tools.

Those demonstrating and exhibiting excellence in **Performing Arts** must excel in any of the following disciplines: 1) **Theatre**: Expression of individual acting concepts and skills through improvisation, characterization in classical and contemporary production styles. Applicant must demonstrate participation in the technical/crew area of school or community performances or performance of a role in a school or community production; 2) **Instrumental**: Demonstration of a developed ability to play with confidence, good posture, excellent tone quality, and proper technique and intonation in both solo and ensemble settings. Applicant must also demonstrate composition ability and knowledge of the musical and cultural characteristics of the major style periods of music; 3) **Dance**: Demonstration of a developed ability to dance with confidence, grace, good position, technique and rhythm. Applicant must also demonstrate the ability to choreograph simple pieces and the knowledge of the musical and cultural characteristics of the major style periods of dance; 4) **Vocal**: Demonstration of a developed ability to sing with excellent pitch, technique and intonation, and with the correct notes and rhythms appropriate to the musical score. Applicant must also demonstrate the ability to vocalize simple pieces of varying styles.

Those demonstrating and exhibiting excellence in **Visual Arts** must demonstrate the knowledge of the elements and principals of design. Applicant must also demonstrate confident expression of individual ideas, feelings and observations through creative works of art and an understanding and appreciation for the role of art history and artists in past and present cultures.

- **LEADERSHIP SERVICE**

Applicant must demonstrate **LEADERSHIP AND COMMITMENT TO SERVICE** through roles in school or community organizations. Applicant must also exhibit and document participation in local, state, or national civic organizations or participation in service to the community or school.

- **SCIENCES**

Applicant must demonstrate and exhibit **EXCELLENCE** in either the areas of **MATHEMATICS** and **COMPUTER SCIENCE** or **NATURAL SCIENCE**

Those demonstrating achievement in **Mathematics/Computer Science** must demonstrate excellence in innovative problem solving, utilization of technology to enhance problem solving, and application of creative, logical, and analytical thinking. Applicant must have participated in peer tutoring, academic competition and mathematics club membership. Applicant must demonstrate outstanding performance in any/all of the following areas: 1) Advanced mathematics classes such as trigonometry, pre-calculus, or calculus; 2) Classes where mathematics are applied, such as computerized business courses, drafting (CAD), or marketing; 3) Computer Science.

Those demonstrating achievement in **Natural Science** must demonstrate a high ability and interest for the natural sciences through problem solving, peer tutoring, performance in science competition. Applicant should also exhibit production of written examples of experiments conducted to prove theories.

ELIGIBILITY:

All seniors graduating from an accredited public or private high school in Miami-Dade or Broward County may apply for a

scholarship. Applicants are not required to secure a faculty recommendation, though a CAP/BRACE or college advisor's signature is required on the Combined Application Verification Form that will be sent to the college advisors once the semi-finalists are chosen.

All students meeting the scholarship requirements below may apply:

REQUIREMENTS

1. Applicants must be enrolled in a Miami-Dade or Broward County public or private high school and residing in the county where they attend school.
2. Students must maintain at least a 3.0 GPA and will graduate in 2012.
3. Students must be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States with a social security number issued in their name.

CRITERIA

- Financial Need
- Academic Achievement
- Community Involvement
- Demonstrated Leadership
- Objectives Achieved
- Quality of Character
- Life Goals and Interests
- Obstacles Conquered
- Grammar and Clarity of Essays

APPLICATION PROCESS:

To apply for a 2011-2012 scholarship, all eligible Miami-Dade and Broward County high school seniors must follow these steps:

Step 1: Students must visit *Salute to Education's* official web site at www.stescholarships.org and create a username and password. The student's personal username and password will be his/her access to their application until it is completed and submitted. **Students may edit their application until the deadline date of January 26, 2012 or until the application has been submitted into the system.**

College Advisors: It is important to advise students to print a copy of the application for their records before they hit submit on the website.

Step 2: **THE APPLICATION DEADLINE IS JANUARY 26, 2012 AT MIDNIGHT.** Once the student submits his/her application online they will receive a confirmation page confirming that their application has been accepted and gone through. **STUDENTS MUST PRINT AND KEEP THIS CONFIRMATION PAGE FOR YOUR RECORD** as proof that their application was submitted. **Please tell the students to NOT call or email the Salute to Education offices to confirm if we received their application online. The officials at Salute to Education CANNOT and WILL NOT confirm whether we have received their application if they call or send us an email.** We receive more than a thousand applications and cannot provide that information. **The confirmation page they receive once they submit their application online (press the "Submit" button on the webpage) is the confirmation they need to guarantee we received the application through the website.**

Step 3: Once the application has been submitted, the application will go through two rounds of preliminary judging. The **semi-finalist** names (not the winners names) and pertinent information will be sent to his/her college advisor on ONE Combined Application Verification Form in order for them to verify and confirm their application information to be correct. **After this form is completed then the FINAL JUDGING PHASE BEGINS and the winners are determined after this final judging page.** The names on the Combined Application Form do not list the winners. It just lists the semi-finalists names.

- **AGAIN PLEASE MAKE SURE THE STUDENTS DO NOT FORGET TO PRINT OUT THEIR APPLICATION**

BEFORE PRESSING THE "SUBMIT" BUTTON. IT IS IMPORANT FOR THEM TO HAVE WRITTEN RECORD OF THEIR APPLICATION JUST IN CASE THERE IS A COMPUTER ERROR OF SOME SORT.

- INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.
- APPLICATIONS THAT DO NOT HAVE THE 2010 ANNUAL FAMILY INCOME RANGE LISTED WILL BE DISQUALIFIED

IMPORTANT NOTE TO ALL COLLEGE ADVISORS:

ALL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS MUST BE INFORMED OF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

1. Upon announcement of the 2011-2012 scholarship winners, Salute to Education must have correspondence back from the recipient (via the student logging into the website and filling out the winner acknowledgement form) as instructed in each student's award notification letter/email within 20 days of notification of winning the scholarship or the scholarship will be forfeited.
2. Students receiving a Salute to Education scholarship must submit the funds to the university/college that he/she will attend within 120 days of the date on the scholarship check or the funds will no longer be available.

FINAL JUDGING AND NOTIFICATION:

Final judging will be coordinated by two separate panels within the *Salute to Education* Scholarship Committee, composed of Ford and Lincoln dealers and community leaders representing the private and public sectors from both counties. Each scholarship recipient will be notified in writing via mailed letter and e-mail. Additionally, their CAP/BRACE or College Advisors will be asked to view the results directly at www.stescholarships.org once the scholarship winners are announced.

WEB SITE:

For more information on this year's *Salute to Education* Scholarship Program, students and CAP/BRACE or College Advisors are encouraged to visit the official *Salute to Education* web site at www.stescholarships.org

TIMETABLE:

- Fall: Online application will be available for students at the *Salute to Education* web site: www.stescholarships.org on **October 10, 2011**.
- Winter: All applications must be submitted by **January 26, 2012!!!** After the semi-finalists are determined, a COMBINED APPLICATION VERIFICATION FORM will be sent to the college advisors listing the names of semi-finalist from their school. Each student listed must sign the form acknowledging that the information they submitted was correct. The College Advisor needs to sign this form as well.
- Spring: *Salute to Education* announces the 2011-2012 scholarship recipients. The students will be honored and the scholarship checks will be distributed at the annual 18th Annual *Salute to Education* scholarship awards ceremony on June 9, 2012 at a location to be decided.

IMPLEMENTATION:

THE ROLE OF CAP/BRACE AND COLLEGE ADVISORS:

The participation of administrators and CAP/BRACE or College Advisors is critical for the successful implementation of the *Salute to Education*

scholarship program at the high school level. Implementation will vary according to the type of school or school system (i.e. Miami-Dade/Broward County public schools, Archdiocese of Miami, independent private schools, etc.). In instances where an administrative network is in place, such as the public or archdiocesan schools, all communication and implementation will be centralized through the existing system. CAP/BRACE Advisors will be the primary contacts at all Miami-Dade and Broward County public high schools, and College Advisors/Counselors will serve as the main contacts at private schools.

CAP/BRACE and College Advisors are asked to disseminate all appropriate materials and notify students of the scholarship program using such tactics as:

- Link to Salute to Education's website on each school website
- Announcements at school assemblies
- Announcements in school newspaper/scholarship bulletins
- Announcements through school teachers
- Posting of materials supplied by *Salute to Education*
- Any other means available at their schools

CAP/BRACE and College Advisors are also asked to assist candidates with the application process

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL CAP/BRACE and/or COLLEGE ADVISORS, STUDENTS AND PARENTS:

WAYS TO CONTACT US:

Rebecca Klein: 305-799-6726 / rklein@stescholarships.org or steinfo@stescholarships.org

- INTENDED USE OF SCHOLARSHIP GRANT

The full amount of the grant must be used **only for TUITION AND OTHER EDUCATIONAL FEES** to the college/university the scholarship winner will be attending (the name of the institution the student puts on the College Verification Form). No part of the grant should be used for incidental expenses such as: room and board; suggested, but not required, equipment and supplies; travel; research; or clerical help. **The scholarship check will be made out to the name of the college/university AND NOT THE STUDENT'S NAME!** The check must be deposited in the student's financial aid account at the college/university and may not be deposited in the student's personal bank account. If for any reason the student is unable to attend a qualified educational institution, the full amount of the grant must be returned to *Salute to Education, Inc.*

- SCHOLARSHIP CHECK

All scholarship checks will be issued to the name of the college/university the student will attend. There will be no exceptions to this rule.