



Scholarship Guidelines – 2012 Superintendent's Scholarships Academic and CTE

Introduction

The 2012 Superintendent's Scholarship will be awarded to multiple Utica Community Schools graduating seniors who plan to continue their education at a university, college or vocational school. These scholarships are made possible by the Utica Foundation for Educational Excellence through funds raised from the Arts & Idols Gala and other contributors. More than \$60,000 in scholarships has been awarded in the last two years and awards will range from \$1000 to \$3000 this year.

UCS seniors who are interested in pursuing a Superintendent's Scholarship, Academic or Career and Technical Education (CTE) Scholarship should carefully review these instructions and the scholarship application form. **The most important requirement for the academic scholarship is your essay.** Please make it reflective of your personality, successes, aspirations, leadership attributes and career goals. The scholarship application is available on line at www.uticak12.org

General Information

To be considered for a 2012 scholarship award, Utica Community Schools 2012 graduating seniors who plan to attend a university, college or vocational school **must** use the Superintendent's Scholarship application form and follow the application instructions.

The 2012 Superintendent's Scholarship candidates, both Academic and CTE, must complete the application and the required documents must be submitted to Patricia Gonser, UCS Director of Administrative Services, Office of the Superintendent. Applications must be submitted with all the required additional documents listed in the application form (and below).

The application deadline for 2012 graduating seniors is by 5 p.m. on March 2, 2012. Late or incomplete scholarship applications will not be eligible for consideration.

The final requirement, if you are invited, will be an interview with the superintendent before a final determination of awardees is made.

The application and documents will not be returned to you. Please make copies of your application and required documents as submitted and keep for your records.

Required Documents

In addition to the scholarship application which must be completed, ALL STUDENTS must submit, by March 2, 2012, the following documents:

Academic and CTE Application

- Submit a personal essay (maximum two typewritten pages, double spaced) describing your character, leadership attributes, aspirations, education and career plans, and future goals. This essay is the most important item in the selection process. In other words, the essay is heavily weighted.

If applicable, please include a separate page describing any financial concerns, needs or obstacles that might impede your educational goals. Criteria for the scholarships are not solely based on need. However, financial need is considered.

- Scholarship Applicant Appraisal form (2)
- Application – 2012
- A copy of your most recent official high school transcript, including ACT/MME scores.
- CTE applicants – If you have acquired a specialty certification in CTE, please attach a copy of the certification.

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Vision Statement

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Mission Statement

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Superintendent's Scholarship Application 2012

I am applying for the: Academic Scholarship CTE Scholarship Both

My GPA is _____ My ACT score is _____ My MME score is _____

Applicant Data

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Initial _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Home Phone (____) _____ Cell phone (____) _____ Birthdate _____

Email _____ FAX _____ U.S. Citizen () Yes () No

High School Data

School Name _____ Graduation Date _____

Principal _____ Guidance Counselor _____

Essay

Academic and CTE Scholarships

The essay is the single most important item in the academic application process. Submit a personal essay (maximum two typewritten pages, double spaced) describing your character, leadership attributes, aspirations, education and career objectives and future goals. Let your personality come through in your essay.

If applicable, please include a separate page describing any financial concerns, needs or obstacles that might impede your educational goals. Criteria for the scholarships is not solely based on need. However, the committee feels this information is very helpful.

Post Secondary Data

Name of post-secondary school or program you plan to attend. If unknown, please list in order of preference where applications have been sent. Please indicate if you have been accepted.

1) _____ City _____ State _____ Accepted () Y () N

2) _____ City _____ State _____ Accepted () Y () N

3) _____ City _____ State _____ Accepted () Y () N

Scholarships

List scholarships or grants that you have been awarded:

Name of scholarship or establishment awarding	Amount of award

You may add an additional sheet listings additional awards.

School Activities, Awards, Honors & Achievements:

Name the most significant school activities in which you have participated during the last four years (e.g. student government, music, art, sports, etc.) in order of importance.

List special awards, honors, achievements and leadership positions held.

Activity	No. Years	Awards, Honors, Achievement	Leadership/Offices Held

If necessary you may add a page listing additional activities, awards, honors and achievements.

Community Activities, Awards, Honors:

Name the most significant non-school activities in which you have participated during the past four years. List special awards, honors, achievements and leadership positions held.

Activity	No. Years	Awards, Honors, Achievement	Leadership/Offices Held

Work Experience

Please check the appropriate box that best describes the type of work experience you have had during the past three years:

1. Co-op Internship Work Study
 Job Shadowing Work Study Volunteer
 Job after School Other

Company/Employer _____

Job Title _____

From Month/Year _____ to Month/Year _____

Salary _____

2. Co-op Internship Work Study
 Job Shadowing Work Study Volunteer
 Job after School Other

Company/Employer _____

Job Title _____

From Month/Year _____ to Month/Year _____

Salary _____

Certification

In submitting this application and essay, I certify that the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. Falsification of information may result in termination of any scholarship granted. This application becomes the property of the Superintendent's Scholarship Program and will be held in confidence.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____

This scholarship application becomes valid only when you have submitted a complete package on or before 5 p.m. March 2, 2012 to:

Mrs. Patricia Gonser, Director of Administrative Services
Office of the Superintendent
Utica Community Schools Administrative Service Center
11303 Greendale,
Sterling Heights, MI 48312

See Scholarship Guidelines for complete details.

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Scholarship Applicant Appraisal Form

Please use black ink or type. One appraisal must be completed by a school counselor or administrator. The second appraisal should be a non-family member who knows your qualifications.

Applicant Name: _____

High School _____

Appraiser's Name _____

Scholarships are awarded based on one or more criteria. Please indicate the criteria that apply to the student you are appraising:

Academics _____	Church activities _____	Overcoming obstacles _____
Work ethic _____	Community service _____	Other activities _____
Leadership _____	Financial need _____	CTE/Intern experience _____

To the Appraiser: Your appraisal is very important to this applicant. Please give it your immediate attention. The student has authorized you to release information that would help in reviewing his/her application. **The scholarship deadline is March 2, 2012.** All materials must be received on or before 5 p.m., March 2, 2012, to be eligible for a scholarship. **Please return this form to the applicant.**

1. What is your relationship with the applicant?
 Academic Personal Employer Other (specify) _____
2. How long have you known the applicant?
 All his/her life 5 – 10 years 3 – 5 years 1 – 3 years
3. How well do you know the applicant?
 Extremely well Very well Moderately well Not well
4. Do you think the applicant has the ability and determination to complete his/her educational objectives? Yes No Don't know
5. Attach a letter of recommendation that includes personal traits such as cooperation, perseverance, character, work habits, ability to set realistic goals, responsibility, commitment to educational goals, commitment to community, and financial need, if appropriate.

CERTIFICATION: *All of the information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.*

Appraiser's Name & Title _____

Appraiser's Signature _____

School, Business, etc. _____

Daytime Phone: (____) _____