

Operation F.A.M. Scholarship Fund Application Form

The Operation F.A.M Scholarship offers non-renewable scholarships in various amount from \$500-\$2500 to graduating seniors. Winners are selected on the basis of scholarship, leadership, financial need, and essay quality. The fund was established in 2013 to provide opportunities to those who are looking into attending college or going into a trade. Scholarships are to be applied to first year of post high school education only.

APPLICANTS MUST:

1. Be a senior in High School in the city of Chicago or the city of Detroit
2. Have an overall GPA of 2.5 or above
3. Describe financial need
4. Complete application form
5. Document community activities
6. Confirm admission to university, college, or trade school prior to funds being awarded
7. Furnish official copies of high school transcript
8. Furnish three letters of recommendation (at least two from current or former instructors)
9. Furnish one- 250 word essay on why professional development, academic development, or financial literacy is important in today's society?
10. Furnish one- 250 word essay on why are you the best candidate for this scholarship?

ALL REQUIREMENTS MUST BE MET, OR APPLICATION WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED
DEADLINE - APPLICATIONS MUST BE POST MARKED BY: March 1st of the current academic year

Applications also available on our web site: www.operationFAM.org

IMPORTANT TIPS

Applications are reviewed and evaluated in various categories/ areas - on a weighted average (points awarded in each category). Failure to complete any portion of the application greatly reduces your chance of being awarded a scholarship. For example, failure to list community service will lower overall points – possibly enough to eliminate you from competition. Examples of categories are:

*Application (complete/neat) - Scholastic Achievement, SAT/ACT - Financial Need
Community Service - Support Letters - Academic Goals - Future Plans - Essay*

Other Suggestions/Recommendations

- Make sure your cumulative grade point average appears on your transcripts.
- Be neat! APPLICATION MUST BE TYPED.
- Have someone proofread your application and essay, so you make a good impression.
- Send only material requested - do not include copies of awards, certificates, etc.
- Please mail in flat envelope (don't fold, don't staple).
- DO NOT send letters of recommendation or transcripts in a sealed envelope.
- Meet deadlines! Take responsibility for mailing your own application - schools are sometimes late getting the applications in the mail.
- Make sure everything is in one envelope - don't mail items separately.

Judging results will be e-mailed to applicants. Winners will be listed on web site (mid-May).

Operation F.A.M. Scholarship

Personal:

Name:	
Address:	Home Phone:
City/State/Zip:	E-Mail:
Date of Birth:	Place of Birth (State):
Employer - Position/Hours-Per-Week:	

Education:

High School:	Graduation Date:
Overall/Cumulative Grade Point Average (minimum 2.5):	Based on a GPA system of:
ACT and/or SAT score: ACT: SAT: MEAP Test: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Major area(s) of study:	
Extracurricular Activities (school, clubs, athletics):	
University/college(s)/trade school to which you have been accepted for admission:	
University/college/trade school you plan to attend:	

Education Plans

Educational Goals:	
College Major:	
College Minor:	
Career Plans:	

Activities / Awards:

Community Service/Volunteer Activities (church, home, etc.)
Honors and Awards:

Essay:

<p>On a <i>separate sheet of paper</i>, please write an essay of 200-250 words on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why professional development, academic development, or financial literacy is important in today's society? 2. Why are you the best candidate for this scholarship?

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Name: _____
Family (failure to fully disclose will disqualify you):

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Name of Parent(s)/Guardian(s):	
Address:	Home Phone:
City/State/Zip:	E-Mail:
List <u>each</u> Parent/Guardian's Place of Employment, Occupation, Job Title:	
Number of Brothers/Sisters:	List Ages:

Financial (failure to fully disclose will disqualify you):

Provide Family/Household Income (verification of income may be required):				
<input type="checkbox"/> Below \$20,000	<input type="checkbox"/> \$20,000 - \$40,000	<input type="checkbox"/> \$40,000 - \$60,000	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60,000 - \$80,000	<input type="checkbox"/> Over \$80,000
How much have you saved for college: \$ _____				
Describe your financial need for a scholarship (important – be very specific):				
Other scholarships you have applied for:				
Other scholarships/grants you have already been awarded (name, amount and period of time covered):				
If granted this award, how do you plan to pay for the rest of your educational costs?				

Signatures:

Applicant:		Date:	
Parent/Guardian		Date:	
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In addition to a completed application form, the following items must be included before your application can be considered (**check boxes below to indicate items are included**):

- Three (3) Recommendation Letters (two must be from current or former instructors)
- High School Transcript (official copy)
- Essay#1-Why professional development, academic development, or financial literacy is important in today's society?
- Essay #2-Why are you the best candidate for this scholarship?

Mail **COMPLETE** package only, postmarked by March 1, to:

**Operation F.A.M.
159 N Marion Ste 332
Oak Park, IL 60301**

Incomplete or late applications will NOT be considered!