



Smith Scholars Program

February 1

2011

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**Kenneth M.
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SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

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Guidelines

1. Scholarships are awarded to high school seniors in pursuit of a postsecondary degree or certificate, including: a public or private two-year community college, technical college, public or private four-year college/university, or an apprenticeship or trade school.
2. Scholarship application materials are submitted in a large envelope. The packet will include: nomination letter(s); application; reference letter(s), academic transcript, photo, and other documentation that will assure full points are awarded for each criteria. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
3. It is preferred that applications are typed, word-processed, or legibly handwritten. All applications must be grammatically correct and properly punctuated.
4. Application packets are mailed to: Ken Smith Scholarship Fund, JAG National Center for Evidence-Based Practices, 6021 Morriss Road, Suite 111, Flower Mound, TX 75028.
5. There is no limit on the number of applications submitted by a CSA representative or JAG Specialist.
6. Applications must be postmarked no later than March 1 for consideration. Applications postmarked after March 1 will not be considered.
7. Applications submitted by the deadline will be reviewed by members of the Scholars and Governance Committees.
8. The Governance Committee will make the final decision on scholarship awards to be announced no later than April 15.
9. A check for the monetary award will be mailed to the scholar's address provided in the application by May 1.
10. Scholarship recipients will be invited to attend the National Leadership Awards Luncheon in November 2011 although attendance is not required to be a Smith Scholar.
11. The number of awards may vary from year to year based upon the Ken Smith Scholarship Fund balance. On April 15, ten (10) scholarship recipients will be announced.

JUDGING CRITERIA



1. Scholarship applicants must be listed on a JAG program roster for the school year in which a scholarship application is submitted. Source: e-NDMS Program Roster
2. The scholarship application packet must include the following:
 - **Transcript.** A current, official transcript.
 - **Proof of Acceptance.** Evidence of acceptance into a postsecondary institution for the 2011-2012 academic year.
 - **Leadership Activities and Recognition.** A list of leadership roles and activities including: elected offices, awards and honors, and involvement in the JAG Career Association as well as other student organizations.
 - **Community Service.** A list of community service activities, community service hours, volunteer experience, etc. and an explanation of each community service activity listed.
 - **Reference Letters.** Three (3) written reference letters are required. The names and addresses of references must be listed in the application. References should document the applicant's scholarship, leadership abilities, interpersonal skills, integrity, and career potential must be provided by any of the following:
 - Specialist, teacher, advisor, principal, or counselor
 - Employer
 - Other persons who are familiar with applicant's aspirations other than a relative
 - **Essay.** Applicants submit a two-page essay to include the following:
(This statement can be either word-processed or handwritten)
 - The importance of pursuing a postsecondary education
 - An explanation of their career goal and why it is being pursued
 - An explanation of the importance of the scholarship
 - Extent to which spelling is accurate and grammar and word choices are appropriate
3. **2010 Smith Scholars** may submit a new scholarship application for 2011. Smith Scholars must submit a new scholarship application packet including: current official transcript (high school and college); evidence of successful completion of the prior collegiate enrollment; current leadership roles and activities; current community service hours and activities; three reference letters (new); and a new 2-page essay.



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

NAME: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ **EMAIL:** _____

SCHOOL NAME: _____

City

State

Zip

CAREER GOAL: *(Be specific)*

Have you been accepted to a postsecondary institution to pursue an education as of this submission? ___ Yes ___ No

If "yes", please provide the name and location of the postsecondary institution you are attending. If "no", indicate the name and location of the postsecondary institution you are most hopeful to attend.

Postsecondary Institution

Location

The name of your **JAG SPECIALIST:** _____

Provide your overall **GPA:** *(convert to a 4.0 scale)* _____

The following documents are attached: (check all documentation available)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Transcript <i>(Official)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Involvement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Proof of Higher Education Acceptance | <input type="checkbox"/> Reference Letters <i>(3 required)</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> List of All Leadership Roles and Activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Essay <i>(2-pages)</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Photo: Please provide a photo for press releases announcing scholarship recipients and for JAG publications including the Annual Report. | |

REFERENCES:

#	NAME	TITLE	EMPLOYER
1.			
2.			
3.			

(Attach three reference letters to application)



RATING CRITERIA & POINT VALUES

#	Documents	Criteria	Range of Points	Points Awarded
1.	Transcript	1.1 GPA improved while in JAG	0 1 2 3 4 5	
		1.2 Attendance improved while in JAG	0 2 4 6 8 10	
		1.3 Enrolled in college prep courses in high School	0 1 2 3 4 5	
2.	Leadership Activities and Recognition	2.1 Leadership role in the JAG Career Association	0 2 4 6 8 10	
		2.2 Evidence of leadership, responsibility and commitment	0 1 2 3 4 5	
		2.3 Number and variety of leadership roles and activities (in JAG and other organizations)	0 1 2 3 4 5	
		2.4 Awards and recognition received in JAG	0 2 4 6 8 10	
3.	Community Involvement	3.1 Estimated total number of community service hours committed by applicant while in JAG: _____ hours	0 1 2 3 4 5	
		3.2 Evidence of the quality of the community service activities in which the applicant was involved while in JAG.	0 1 2 3 4 5	
		3.3 Evidence of impact of the community services conducted by JAG Career Association Chapter.	0 1 2 3 4 5	
4.	Reference Letters	4.1 Reference #1 provided specific examples of applicant's academic, leadership and personal qualities.	0 1 2 3 4 5	
		4.2 Reference #2 provided specific examples of applicant's academic, leadership and personal qualities.	0 1 2 3 4 5	
		4.3 Reference #3 provided specific examples of applicant's academic, leadership and personal qualities.	0 1 2 3 4 5	
5.	Applicant Essay	5.1 Extent to which the applicant explains the importance of pursuing a postsecondary education—personally and career wise.	0 1 2 3 4 5	
		5.2 Extent to which the applicant explains the career goal and why that particular career is being pursued.	0 1 2 3 4 5	
		5.3 Extent to which the applicant explains the importance of the scholarship.	0 1 2 3 4 5	
		5.4 Extent to which spelling is accurate and grammar and word choices are appropriate.	0 1 2 3 4 5	
Total Points Assigned—100 Points Maximum				