

2012
Application for

Albert G. Myers Scholarship

presented by

FIRST GASTON FOUNDATION, Inc.

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Required Information (Typing is strongly recommended)

Application Deadline: February 24, 2012
(To School Counselor)

Name _____ Phone () _____

Address _____
Street City State Zip

Citizenship – American (Y/N) _____ If not born an American Citizen, give date and place of Naturalization.

Date _____ Place _____ Number _____
Court/City & State

Father's Name _____ Mother's Name _____
First Middle Last First Middle Last

Address (if other than student's) _____
Father Mother

Where employed-
Father _____ Mother _____

High Schools Attended

Name of School City and State Period Attended

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College entrance scores (SAT or ACT highest scores)

SAT – Reading/Math/Written (highest combined score) _____

ACT Composite Score _____

Honors and Awards

High School _____

Offices held in class or school organizations

High School _____

Record of participation in extra curricular activities. (State only major activities.)

High School _____

Out of school activities, offices held, awards, etc. _____

Positions held in gainful employment, periods of employment, average time employed each week, earnings, etc.

To which schools have you applied to or have been accepted to (please list the anticipated cost of each school)

Please list scholarships you have applied for or have been awarded _____

Parent Financial Analysis

Range of parent's combined total annual income from all sources:

- Under \$20,000 \$20,000 to \$40,000 \$40,000 to \$60,000
 \$60,000 to \$80,000 \$80,000 to \$100,000 Over \$100,000

Number of children in the family including candidate _____

Number of children in college next year (including candidate) _____

Any unusual circumstances, please explain _____

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT AND PARENT *MUST HAVE SIGNATURES*****

We certify that all information given on this application is true, correct, and complete to the best of our knowledge.

Applicant _____ **Date** _____

Parents(s) / Guardian(s) _____ **Date** _____

The best interests of the applicant are advanced and the time of the judges is conserved by orderly, concise and chronological presentation of information on paper approximately 8.5" x 11." Remove all letters from envelopes. **DO NOT STAPLE OR BIND IN BINDERS.**

In addition to the application being complete, we suggest that you enclose the following letters and transcript in the order indicated. Items 3 and 4 may warrant two letters each, but please no more than two.

Total pages including application should be no more than 12 pages:

1. A statement of not more than 300 words prepared by the applicant, summarizing applicant's goal for the future, and relate how past, present and future activities make this goal probable. This letter is important for the judges to get an opportunity to learn more about you; it should be typed, **signed** and on 8 ½" x 11" paper.
2. A letter of not over 200 words from a parent, or other person having knowledge of the facts, summarizing the family's obligations and resources. This letter needs to illustrate the applicant's need for financial assistance and the inability of the family to satisfy these needs. This letter should be typed, **signed** and on 8 ½" x 11" paper.
3. A comprehensive letter of recommendation covering character, personality, and student activities of the applicant from someone in authority at current school. This letter should be typed, **signed** and on 8 ½" x 11" paper.
4. A letter of recommendation from either a friend or a religious, business or civic leader, summarizing the applicant's leadership qualities, and community activities. This letter should be typed, **signed** and on 8 ½" x 11" paper.
5. The applicant's educational history from first year high school to date of application, supported by school transcript by proper school authority showing the courses taken, the grades received and the college entrance test scores (SAT or ACT). **(Do not staple these pages)**

Albert G. Myers Scholarships

Available Through
FIRST GASTON FOUNDATION, INC.
GASTONIA, NORTH CAROLINA



For Eligible Seniors of Gaston County High Schools



Rules and Regulations

ALBERT G. MYERS SCHOLARSHIPS

First Gaston Foundation, Inc., annually awards a maximum of eight scholarships (unless prohibited by Federal Regulations governing scholarships). Each scholarship is for \$4,000 per year or a total of \$16,000 to be used over a four year period. Funds will be paid directly to the school selected by the scholarship winner, unless infeasible to do so.

Scholarship funds are not to exceed the actual cost of tuition, books, fees, supplies, board, lodging, and/or other expenses directly related to educational needs.

Since it is the intention of the Foundation to provide funds for the necessary cost of attending college, the Myers Scholarship funds will be coordinated with all other scholarships received by a Myers Scholarship recipient to the extent that the student will not receive more than the total cost of education.

Students receiving scholarship awards are required to furnish grade reports for each semester to the First Gaston Foundation, Inc. The recipient may attend the school of his/her choice, provided such school is approved by the Foundation. Students will be expected to pursue a full course of study. If the student does not maintain suitable proficiency in his/her studies, or if personal conduct of the student becomes unsatisfactory, scholarship funds will be withdrawn.

ELIGIBILITY

The rules under which the scholarships will be awarded are as follows: Recipients shall be seniors in the public or private high schools in Gaston County who are also residents of Gaston County. Recipients must be citizens of the United States of America.

Applicants are eligible to compete for scholarships only during the year in which they are scheduled to graduate from high school. Students requiring summer school work after normal graduation time will not be eligible to compete.

SELECTION OF SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Responsibility for the selection of the scholarship winners will be vested in a committee which consists of the presidents, or their appointees, of the following organizations in Gastonia.

Altrusa Club, Gastonia Civitan Club, Gastonia Kiwanis Club, Gastonia Lions Club, Moloch Lodge #468, Optimist Club (Noon), and Gastonia Rotary Club.

Any member of the Selection Committee who has a child, grandchild, brother or sister applying for a scholarship must be replaced.

BASIS OF AWARDS

The selection committee will give consideration to the following factors when judging applicants for scholarship awards.

1. Purpose in Life
2. Financial Need
3. Character
4. Qualities of Leadership
5. Participation in Student and Community Activities
6. High School Scholastic Achievement

THE DECISION OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEE IN AWARDING THE SCHOLARSHIP IS FINAL.

The right is reserved by the First Gaston Foundation, Inc. to modify or discontinue this scholarship awards plan at any time, provided that scholarships previously awarded shall be fulfilled.