



Aspiration Foundation Scholarship Fund Rules and Regulations

Established in February 8, 2017

I. SCHOLARSHIP AWARDING COMMITTEE

1. Mission

To grant scholarships to current middle school and high school students who are talented in arts and using same to help / influence community.

2. Specific Responsibilities

- Work with Aspiration Foundation (hereinafter referred as AF) president and treasurer closely for the available funds
- Propose to AF board the number and amount of awards to be given for the year the committee serves.
- Publicize availability of the scholarships to the Communities.
- Collect applications and notify applicants of the application receipt.
- Select scholarship recipients and notify applicants of the decision (regardless of whether or not the applicant has been awarded the scholarship).
- Monitor and measure the impact of the scholarships.
- Coordinate with and participate in the Scholarship Fund raising efforts
- Propose to AF board the selection criteria or amendment of the criteria when necessary.

3. Committee Formation

The committee consists of a minimum of three members, and the number of the members must be odd. The members and the committee chair are annually appointed by the AF board of directors. A person whose direct relative applies for the scholarship is not qualified to be a committee member.

4. Term of Appointment

The committee appointment is for a two year term.

5. Scholarship Recipient Selection

- The committee will review all the files within one month after the application deadline.
- The committee will meet and select the recipient in accordance with current eligibility rules and selection criteria.
- After the candidates are selected, AF board of directors should be informed. The Committee will prepare a report, identify their selected applicants, and inform the board members prior to the AF annual convention.

6. Meeting Schedule and Agendas

All meeting schedules and agendas are set by the chair of the committee.

7. Governance

The committee must vote with a majority to make any changes in governance. The scholarships will be awarded based on a majority vote of the group.

II. APPLICANTS AND APPLICATIONS

8. Eligibility

The applicants must meet the following basic requirement when considering their applications:

A full time student of an accredited middle school or high school in the greater Houston areas in the state of Texas.

Either has U.S. Citizen or legal immigration status

9. Awarding Criteria

The Scholarship Awarding Committee will consider applicants according, but not limited, to the merit in the following areas:

- Special talents and contributions to arts & arts related contribution to community.
- Community volunteer work
- Awards and honors in arts (UIL region/ area / state/ national / international)
- Leadership qualities
- Essay (arts & relevant community works)
- Recommendation letters (The recommendation letters – art related from the school teachers are preferred)

10. Applications

• Those interested in applying for the scholarship should use the application form that can be downloaded from AF website at www.aspiration-foundation.org.

• Applications must be post mailed to AF office at the address of:

6229 Corporate Dr. Houston, TX 77036

or to such new addresses as directed to on AF website.

• Applications must include the following information about the applicant:

a) Documents of art related community volunteer work.

b) Documents that show awards from competitions (regional/sate as well as national/ international), or publications in newspaper, journals, or other articles.

• The applicant may also include other information that he or she feels will be helpful to the selecting panel.

• The recommendation letters should be either directly sent by the references to the above address, or sealed in a separate envelop with the reference's signature on top of it and delivered with the other application documents required.

11. Deadline

The deadline for applications to be received is to be decided by the scholarship awarding committee each year, which must occur before AF's annual conference. No application will be considered beyond the deadline unless a special postpone notice is issued by the Scholarship Awarding Committee at the AF website. The committee may request to the applicants for additional information deemed as necessary.

12. Application Form

Application form can be found and downloaded from AF website.

13. Applicant's Obligations

Unless approved by AF otherwise, the recipient must appear in person and attend the AF Annual Convention. The recipient will be notified by the Scholarship Awarding Committee at least two weeks advance. Information on the AF Annual Convention will be available on the AF website.

14. Distribution of Funds

- All awards will be announced one month prior to the AF Annual Convention. The names of the recipient and their qualifications will be released on AF website, newspapers, and other possible media.
- The AF treasurer is responsible for the fund transfer.
- Award ceremony will be held in the AF annual convention.
- Each scholarship recipient will be awarded including cash and an award certification from AF.

III. AF Scholarship FOUNDATIO

15. General funds

The scholarship funds are made possible from the donations of AF members, corporate sponsors, and others individuals. Donations to Aspiration Foundation are qualified to be exempted from federal income tax under IRS 501(c) 3 code.

IV. OTHERS

- AF reserves its right to change or add to these rules whenever necessary or desirable.
- AF reserves its right to withdraw a scholarship from a recipient should she or he be found providing the false information in order to get the award.
- For further information on the AF Scholarship, please visit AF at www.aspiration-foundation.org