

August 15, ~~2018~~2019

Dear Guidance Counselor,

We would like to invite students from your school to participate in the ~~2019-2020~~ Horatio Alger Association Scholarship Programs.

The Horatio Alger Association annually awards more than \$10 million in college scholarships and grants, making it one of the nation's largest scholarship providers. Through nationally recognized educational programs, the Association reaches out directly to our nation's young people with a message of hope, opportunity, responsibility, and perseverance.

In keeping with the educational mission of the Horatio Alger Association, the scholarship programs provide financial assistance to students throughout the nation who have financial need and have exhibited integrity and perseverance in overcoming personal adversity. **Scholarship criteria also include high school graduation in spring/summer of 2019**, commitment to pursue a bachelor's degree, and United States citizenship. The scholarships are given to deserving students each year and range in award value from \$10,000 to \$25,000.

We are pleased to announce that in ~~2019-2020~~ over \$575,000 will be awarded to Pennsylvania seniors by the Horatio Alger Association.

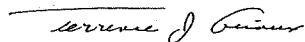
To participate in the scholarship programs, we ask that you direct students to submit an online application at www.horatioalger.com/scholarships. Students may apply beginning August 1 – October 25, ~~2018~~2019.

On the reverse side of this letter is additional information on the eligibility criteria for the scholarships, and what specific scholarships are available to students in your school.

If you have a student who is not able to complete the application online, please contact the Association at HoratioAlger@act.org

We look forward to receiving applications from your students as we seek to recognize outstanding young people.

Sincerely,



Terrence J. Giroux
Executive Director

Enclosures

2019-2020 Horatio Alger Scholarship Application Information

The Horatio Alger Association seeks to assist students who have demonstrated integrity, perseverance in overcoming adversity, strength of character, financial need, a good academic record, commitment to pursue a college education, and a desire to contribute to society.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The eligibility criteria to be considered for all Horatio Alger National and State Scholarship Programs are as follows:

- ◆ Enrolled full time as a high school senior, progressing normally toward graduation in spring/summer of ~~2018~~2019, with plans to enter a college in the United States no later than the fall following graduation
- ◆ Intend to pursue a **bachelor's degree** at an accredited institution (students may start their studies at a two-year institution and then transfer to a four-year institution)
- ◆ Critical financial need, preferably \$55,000 or lower adjusted gross income per family
- ◆ Involvement in co-curricular and community service activities
- ◆ Minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0
- ◆ US citizenship.

FIFTY-THREE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE TO PENNSYLVANIA SENIORS:

National Scholars Program: Three Pennsylvania students will be selected to each receive a \$25,000 scholarship and will be invited to the National Awards program in Washington, D.C. with 102 other students and the Association's ten ~~2018-2019~~ Distinguished American Award Winners in April ~~2019~~2020.

Pennsylvania State Scholarships: Fifty Pennsylvania students will be selected to each receive a \$10,000 scholarship Based on the same criteria and application used to select the National Scholars.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

To apply for the Horatio Alger Scholarship Programs, the following items must be completed by **October 25, ~~2018~~2019**:

- ◆ Students must submit an online application at www.horatioalger.org/scholarships.
- ◆ Students must submit one letter of support. The letter of support should be from an adult who understands your adversity and can describe the unique circumstances in your life. **This form must be filled out online.**
- ◆ Students must download the certifications page, complete it and obtain the proper signatures prior to mailing. This will require signatures of the applicant, parent/guardian, and the student's principal or vice principal. **Faxes/emails will not be accepted.**
- ◆ Students must submit a copy of their official high school transcript and include a legend and 12th grade fall classes
- ◆ All applicants must submit a photo copy of the front page of their parent/guardian's federal tax return (1040, 1040A, 1040 EZ or 1099 SSA-Social Security form) for 2014 in order to verify income stated on application. If your parent(s) AGI is a negative number, please submit copies of parent/guardian's federal individual tax return for the years of 2012, 2013 and 2014. If your parents were not required to file a tax return, include statement copies of any government benefits, such as food stamps or Public Assistance documents.

Please mail all supporting documents to the following address:

Horatio Alger Scholarship Programs PO Box 4030 Iowa City, IA 52243-4030 Phone (866) 763-9228