



AXA Achievement Scholarship, in association with U.S. News & World Report

THE PROGRAM

The AXA Achievement Scholarship offers college scholarships of \$10,000 and \$25,000 to high school seniors who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in their activities in school, the community or the workplace. The scholarships are sponsored by the AXA Foundation, in association with U.S. News & World Report.

Applicants must -

- Be United States citizens or legal residents.
- Be current high school seniors who plan to enroll full-time in an accredited two-year or four-year college or university in the United States by fall 2004.
- Demonstrate ambition and self-drive as evidenced by outstanding achievement in an activity in school, the community or the workplace.
- Be recommended by an adult professional who can attest to the student's achievement.

AWARDS

Fifty-two students, to be known as AXA Achievers, will be selected to receive \$10,000 scholarships, one from each state, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

From among the state recipients, 10 students will be named national AXA Achievers. They will be selected to receive additional national awards at \$15,000 each for a total of \$25,000 per national recipient.

AXA Achievement Scholarships must be used for education-related expenses for undergraduate study only. Awards are not renewable; however, recipients may arrange to receive payment in installments over multiple years as long as the student continues to enroll in an undergraduate course of study.

CRITERIA

Applicants are asked to **describe in detail** an outstanding achievement they have accomplished in a non-academic activity or project. The accomplishment may be a long-term achievement, an activity or a project that occurred in their school, in the community or in the workplace. Primary consideration will be given to the applicant's demonstrated achievement in a non-academic area as reported by the applicant and supported by the appraisal completed by an adult professional who is not related to the applicant.

Consideration will also be given to other extracurricular activities in school and community, work experience, and the applicant's academic record over the past four years.

Selection of recipients is made by the administrator of the program, Scholarship America, a national nonprofit student aid and educational support organization. The AXA Foundation may participate in the selection of recipients for the national awards. Selection will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, national origin or disability.

APPLICATION

To apply, print the attached application, complete it and have an adult professional complete the appraisal. Mail the completed, signed application with a current, complete official transcript of grades to:

AXA Achievement Scholarship
Scholarship Management Services, Scholarship America
1505 Riverview Road, P. O. Box 297
Saint Peter, MN 56082

Applications and required attachments must be postmarked no later than **December 15, 2003**. On-line transcripts and grade reports are not acceptable. The first 12,000 applications received, which have met the postmark deadline, will be considered.



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APPLICATION, Continued

Applicants are responsible for gathering and submitting all required information in the format requested. Incomplete applications and those not conforming to the required format will be disqualified. Information received is considered confidential and is reviewed only by Scholarship America. The AXA Foundation may participate in the selection of recipients for the national awards. If selected to receive an award, the student must authorize release of scholarship application materials and photographs for use by the sponsor for program promotion and publicity.

All applicants up to 15,000 will be notified by mid-March. Not all applicants to the program will be selected as recipients.

PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship America will process AXA Achievement scholarship payments on behalf of the sponsors. Payments will be made in equal installments on August 15, 2004 and December 30, 2004 and mailed to each recipient's home address. Checks will be made payable to the school for the recipient's account.

OBLIGATIONS

Other than as specified, recipients have no obligation to the AXA Foundation and U.S. News & World Report. They are, however, required to supply Scholarship America with complete transcripts when requested and to notify Scholarship America of any changes of address, school enrollment, or other relevant information.

RULES:

Eligibility: No purchase necessary. Employees, associates, or immediate family members of employees or associates of the AXA Group, U.S. News & World Report, Scholarship America, or their affiliates, subsidiaries and advertising and promotion agencies are ineligible to apply.

Application: All sections of the application form and any attachments must be completed in the specified format and include the required signatures. Incomplete applications will be disqualified. The sponsors and Scholarship America will not be responsible for lost, late or misdirected, mutilated, incomplete, illegible or postage-due mail. All applications become the property of the sponsors and Scholarship America and will not be returned or acknowledged. The sponsors and Scholarship America may request additional information or documentation about an applicant. To remain eligible, applicants must provide all reasonably requested documentation and information.

Awards: Awards must be used for education-related expenses at an accredited two-year or four-year college in the United States for a full-time course of study. Full-time study is defined as full-time enrollment for the entire 2004-05 academic year. Awards will be paid in two installments on August 15, 2004 and December 30, 2004 unless a longer payment schedule is requested, up to four years. All checks will be made payable to the school. Taxes, if any, are the sole responsibility of the recipients.

Additional terms: All applicants agree that decisions of Scholarship America are final. To receive the award, recipients agree to authorize release of scholarship application materials and photograph for use by the sponsors for program promotion and publicity. Applicants agree to release, discharge and hold harmless the AXA Foundation, U.S. News & World Report, Scholarship America, and their respective subsidiaries, affiliates, officers, directors and employees, from any and all claims or damages arising out of, in any way, their participation in the program. The AXA Foundation and U.S. News & World Report reserve the right to review the conditions and procedures of this scholarship program and to make changes at any time including termination of the program. Scholarship America, the AXA Foundation and U.S. News & World Report reserve the right to interpret these rules and to make decisions concerning the award, acceptance and use of scholarships in situations not covered by these rules.

Questions about the application process may be directed to Scholarship America toll-free at 1-800-537-4180 or by e-mail to axachievement@csfa.org



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TYPE OR PRINT ALL INFORMATION EXCEPT SIGNATURES

Do not staple, clip, or place in a binder.

If not neat and complete, application will not be reviewed.

The first 12,000 applications received will be considered.
Application postmark deadline December 15, 2003

**FOR
SCHOLARSHIP
AMERICA
USE ONLY**

I.D. #	AA	O	RIC/CS	GPA	SATV	SATM	ACTE	ACTM	A	W	TOTAL

**APPLICANT
DATA**

Last Name _____ First _____ Middle Initial _____

Permanent Home Mailing Address _____ Apartment # _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone (_____) _____ E-mail Address _____

Social Security Number _____ Date of Birth: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

Are you a U.S. citizen? Yes No If no, are you a legal U.S. resident? Yes No; status _____

How did you learn about the scholarship program? School US News & World Report Other _____

Please indicate your status. (For statistical purposes only.) Male Female

American Indian /Alaska Native Black/African American Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Multi-Racial
 Asian Hispanic/Latino White

**PARENT
OR
GUARDIAN
INFORMATION**

Last Name _____ First _____ Middle Initial _____

Address _____

Relationship to Applicant _____ Day Telephone (_____) _____

E-mail Address _____ Fax Number (_____) _____

**HIGH
SCHOOL
DATA**

Official School Name _____ High School Graduation Date: Month _____ Year _____

City _____ State _____ Telephone (_____) _____

**COLLEGE
DATA**

Name of college you plan to attend. (If unknown, please list in order of preference the schools to which you have applied.)
Use official school names. Do not use abbreviations.

_____ City _____ State _____

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4 yr. College or University 2 yr. Community or Junior College Other, explain _____

Year in school next year: 1 Other, explain _____

Major or course of study _____ Expected college graduation date: Month _____ Year _____

Degree sought: Bachelor Associate Other _____

TRANSCRIPT INFORMATION

This section **must** be completed and signed by the appropriate school official. An official high school transcript of grades **must** be sent with this application with a clear explanation of the high school's grading scale. On-line transcripts and grade reports are not acceptable.

Applicant ranks _____ in a class of _____	Cumulative Grade Point Average		PSAT		SAT 1		ACT	
	Weighted: _____/4.0 scale		Verbal	Math	Verbal	Math	English	Math
	Unweighted: _____/4.0 scale							

School Official's
Signature _____ Date _____ Title _____ Telephone (_____) _____

School Official's
Address: Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

The student is responsible for submitting all materials to Scholarship America on time. Incomplete applications will not be evaluated. This application becomes complete and valid only when you have submitted all of the following materials:

- Student Application with completed Applicant Appraisal
- Current Complete Transcript(s) of Grades (including grading scale)
On-line transcripts are not acceptable.
- All materials, including transcript, are contained in the same 9" x 12" envelope

All materials, including transcript, must be addressed to:

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CERTIFICATION

Scholarship America and AXA Foundation have the sole responsibility for selecting recipients based on criteria as set forth in the program's descriptive brochure. This application becomes the property of Scholarship America. (It is recommended that you keep a copy for your files.) The sponsors and Scholarship America will not be responsible for lost, late or misdirected, mutilated, incomplete, illegible or postage-due mail.

I acknowledge decisions of Scholarship America are final. I certify that I meet the basic eligibility requirements of the program as described in the brochure and that the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. If requested, I agree to provide proof of information I have given on this form. Falsification of information may result in termination of any scholarship granted.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____

**APPLICANT
APPRAISAL
(REQUIRED)**

To the Applicant: The Applicant Appraisal must be completed by an unrelated adult professional who is familiar with your outstanding achievement. Detach this page (6) of the application and give it to the person who will document your achievement.

To the Appraiser: *You have been asked to describe your observations of the applicant's outstanding achievement. Please adhere to the following instructions:*

1. *On an additional sheet(s) of 8 ½ x 11 paper, complete the answers to the questions below.*
2. *Do not use a font size smaller than 12 point.*
3. *Sign your name to the bottom of the appraisal.*
4. *Attach this page to your completed appraisal. Return the appraisal to the applicant. (You may enclose these pages in a sealed envelope.)*

Important: *The applicant must mail the application and all other additional materials in the same 9" x 12" envelope to the AXA Achievement Scholarship program address.*

Name of Applicant: _____

Name of Appraiser: _____

Title: _____

Organization: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

How long have you known the applicant? _____ In what capacity? _____

Have you reviewed the student's application? Yes No

In your appraisal, please be sure to include answers to the following questions (if applicable).

- Describe specifically how the student accomplished his/her outstanding achievement.
- What evidence of setting and achieving goals did the student demonstrate?
- What challenges did the student overcome?
- What extra responsibilities did the student assume?
- How did the student demonstrate initiative and self-motivation?

You may be called to verify information.