



Northshore Home Builders Association

2017-2018 Scholarship Criteria and Guidelines

CRITERIA:

- **Scholastic aptitude –**
 - Minimum requirement - 2.75 GPA on Standard grading scale.
 - Official copy of transcripts must support your GPA
 - ACT scores considered
 - Official copy of ACT scores for first time applicants must be provided
- **Major –** Consideration will be given to those applicants choosing to pursue a degree related to the home building industry, in the event of multiple applicants of equal merit. If the major is not declared on their college transcripts, then the applicant should address their major in their essay.
- **Essay –** An essay, between 250 – 300 words, of applicant's personal & career goals, ambitions, and reason(s) or need of our scholarship is required. Applicant should address their major in their essay.
- **Reference/Recommendation Letters –** Two letters of reference/recommendation are required for first time applicants.
 - Recommendation letters cannot be from family members.
 - Applicant's school counselor, faculty member, or principal preferred.
 - All letters should include the person's address and telephone number.
- **Relationship to Sponsor –** Scholarships are open to the following:
 1. Child of HBA member in good standing (builder, associate, or HBA employee).
 2. Relative of HBA member in good standing (cousin, niece, nephew).
 3. Recommended by HBA member in good standing (friends of members, etc.)
 4. High School Seniors attending school in Louisiana (applicants not associated with anyone at the HBA).
- **Community Service with the HBA –** Continuous Scholarship Applicants must have completed the 10 hours of community service with the HBA in order to be considered again.



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GUIDELINES:

- Funds for scholarships are derived from the Northshore Home Builders Association sponsored golf tournament.
- The Committee will meet soon after the golf tournament to determine fund reserves for award distribution. Award amounts are based on golf tournament proceeds and cannot be determined in advance of the tournament.
- A minimum of 50% of net proceeds from the golf tournament will go towards initial and continued scholarship awards.
- The number of scholarships and awarded value/s will be determined annually by the scholarship committee.
- The Scholarship Committee will consist of 8 members, 4 associates, and 4 builder members (including the president of the association). The Executive Officer of the association will also sit on the committee. The committee will be chaired by the Golf Tournament chairperson/s, being one of the 8 members.
 - Parents, Sponsors, or other Family Members of applicants are not allowed to serve on the Committee.
 - Parents, Sponsors, or other Family Members of applicants who inquire about persons on this committee will disqualify the scholarship applicant from consideration.
 - Committee members will remain anonymous.
- Scholarships will only be awarded to applicants that are or will be attending college in Louisiana, at a certified college (public, private, vocational or technical). Scholarship recipient should reside in St. Tammany, Tangipahoa or Washington Parishes.
- Scholarships are available only for four (4) consecutive years.
- Applicants must be at least a high school senior to be considered eligible for a scholarship.
- Applications must be completed in full and received in the Northshore Home Builders Association's office by **4:00 p.m., September 8, 2017** to be eligible for consideration.
- The committee will meet after the golf tournament to determine scholarship award recipient/s. The golf tournament will be held on **September 7, 2017**.

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- If awarded, all recipients must complete 10 hours of community service with the Home Builders Association within one year of receipt of scholarship in order to be eligible for future HBA scholarships.
- Any incomplete applications are automatically disqualified from consideration.
- Scholarship awards will be presented to recipient/s at an HBA general membership meeting or other meeting so deemed by the Committee, in the form of a certificate and/or check redeemable jointly to the recipient/s and the financial office of the chosen college/university in the State of Louisiana.
- Any questions regarding eligibility, applications, or requirements should be addressed to HBA staff or the Chair of the Committee.

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