

Whitney High School

Assist-A-Grad 2020 Instructions & Application

The Assist-a-grad Scholarship Program is open only to Whitney High School graduating Seniors. All scholarships use the same “common application.” You are required to submit an application packet for each scholarship for which you are applying. Photocopies of the common pages are fine. Some scholarships have additional requirements such as essays, additional recommendations, etc.. Review the catalog carefully to ensure that your application includes all that is required.

Scholarship interviews are April 13 & 14 from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Whitney High School. If your scholarship requires an interview, you must be present at your assigned interview appointment or you will not be considered for the scholarship. Not all students will be asked to interview.

Scholarships will be awarded at **Senior Awards Night, May 18 at 6pm** in the theater. You must be present to accept your scholarship.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: February 28, 2020

All scholarship applications must be received in the College and Career Center by 3pm.

Check List for Each Application Packet

Your packet should include (in this order):

1. **The Cover Sheet (Create Your Own)- Scholarship Name, Your Name**
2. **Student Information/Activities Section (Provided Below)- 2 pages**
3. **Student Writing (Prompts Provided Below) - Student Statement, Community Service, Financial Need (optional)**
4. **Recommendations - 2 letters of recommendation or recommendation forms. One from WHS, one not. (photocopies are fine)**
5. **Unofficial Transcript (photocopies are fine)**
6. **Optional Creative Page (photocopies are fine)**
7. **Additional Materials (if requested)**

Please complete an application packet for each scholarship to which you would like to apply. Bind each application packet with only a staple in the upper left corner. **DO NOT PUT YOUR APPLICATION IN A REPORT COVER.** Please do not include any original or valuable documents. Your application will not be returned to you and will be destroyed once the winners have been selected.

REMEMBER: EVERY SCHOLARSHIP TO WHICH YOU APPLY NEEDS TO HAVE ITS OWN COMPLETE APPLICATION PACKET.

Important Dates

February 28 – Application Deadline
April 13-14 – Scholarship Interviews
June 3 – Thank you letter deadline

April 1 – Students notified of interview times
May 18 – Senior Awards Night
November 1 – Scholarship claim deadline

(Sample Cover Page)

SCHOLARSHIP NAME

Student Name

Student Information/Activities Section

Student Name:

Student Email Address:

Parent Email Address:

In fall 2020 I plan to enroll at the following school, college, university or technical training program (if known):

Please list the schools to which you have been accepted or from which you are still waiting to hear back:

What is your educational goal?

What is your career goal?

Please list the six most meaningful activities (on or off campus) in which you have been involved during high school.

Activity Description	Length of Participation	Leadership Role
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		

6.

Describe the most meaningful awards, honors, or special recognition you have received during high school. This includes both in school and out of school.

Award Description

Awarding Organization

1.

2.

3.

4.

Please describe any employment while attending high school.

Employer

Job Description

Employment Dates

Hours /Week

1.

2.

3.

I have answered all questions on this application honestly and to the best of my ability. I understand that I must be present at the senior awards ceremony on May 18, 2020 to accept an Assist-a-Grad scholarship. If I am awarded a scholarship, I will submit a written thank you to the scholarship sponsor to the WHS CCC **by June 3, 2020**. I understand that to receive any scholarship funds I must be enrolled as a full-time student at a school, college or university that meets the criteria for the scholarship I have been awarded, during the fall of 2020. I must provide the WHS scholarship office with an official "verification of enrollment" from my college or university before any funds will be released. Checks will be made to my college financial aid office. I understand that I will not receive any scholarship funds until I am actually attending classes at my school. The deadline to submit a request for my scholarship funds is **November 1, 2020**. After that time I will not be able to claim my scholarship funds.

Student Signature

Parent Signature

Student Writing

On a separate sheet of paper, please write on the following subjects. Your essays should be single spaced, 12pt font and within the word count limits. As these applications are typically copied to be read by several reviewers, please fit all three topics on to as few sheets of paper as possible.

Student's Statement

In 500 words or less, tell us about you. This can include, but is not limited to: your role in your family, your personality, your hopes, your dreams or obstacles you have had to overcome. Help us get to know you by sharing some details about your life. Information does not need to be just about your school life.

Community Service

In 250 words or less, describe your most meaningful high school community service project or activity. Please include the total number of hours you volunteered for this project and any leadership role you had.

Financial Need (optional)

You may include an additional paragraph no more than 100 words describing why you need assistance paying for college if you choose. This is optional.

After your writing, please attach the following to your application in this order:

1. Two letters of recommendation or [recommendation forms](#) (one from WHS, one not). The form is simply an option if the person recommending you prefers to complete the form instead of writing a letter. Please do not submit a letter and a form from the same person. One or the other, not both.
2. Your unofficial transcript
3. Optional creative page: You may include one additional 8 ½" x 11" page of information or memorabilia to help the scholarship committees get to know you. You may include photos, newspaper clippings, or anything that will express who you are. Be creative. Scrap book or collage style is appropriate. No video, audio or 3-D items may be submitted. Do not submit your only copy of anything. This page will not be returned to you.
4. Any supplemental information or essays required of the specific scholarship.

Assist-a-grad 2020 Recommendation Form

A Whitney High School senior is applying for an Assist-a-Grad Scholarship. *He or she needs two letters of recommendation to apply.* One must be from Whitney High School and one must be from an off-campus source. If you would prefer to fill out the form below, this will meet the letter of recommendation requirements for the Assist-a-Grad application.

Student Name _____ Date _____

Name of person completing this form _____

Address _____

Daytime Phone _____ E-mail _____

Relationship to this student? _____ For how long? _____

List adjectives that best describe this student's character.

List adjectives that best describe this student's work ethic.

List what you believe to be this student's strengths.

List any information about this student that you believe will be helpful in scholarship selection.

Has this student achieved something unique? If so, please describe briefly.

Comments:

Recommender's Signature: _____

If you are not an employee of Whitney High School, please attach a business card here. *This is NOT required, please attach only if available.*