

United Scholarships, Inc. - Merit Scholarship Application, Spring 2012

APPLICANT: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PARENTS/GUARDIANS: _____

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: _____

Qualifications and Instructions

1. Applicants must be seniors in Yreka Union High School District and intend to enroll in an institution of higher learning. Applicants must graduate from Yreka Union High School District to receive a scholarship.
2. Applicants must have a minimum of a 'B'- average or a 3.00 GPA overall on a 4.00 scale through the Fall Semester of their senior year. The 3.00 GPA will be established at the end of the Fall Semester.
3. Applicants must file their USI application (this form) with the YHS Counseling Office on or before March 2nd, 2012.
4. A USI Scholarship will be awarded to deserving YUHSD students based on a combination of proven academic performance and financial need. There is no set policy by the USI Scholarship Committee that a certain GPA should warrant a specified amount of money.
5. A student generally will not be considered eligible for a scholarship unless he or she has attended Yreka Union High School District for at least 3 semesters prior to the student's graduation. Under special circumstances, the USI Board may waive this requirement by one semester.
6. The applicant must submit a YUHSD transcript and all SAT, ACT and STAR scores received.
7. The applicant MUST submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as part of the USI application process. FAFSAs can be submitted from Jan 1st through March 2nd, 2012.
- 8. A student aid report (SAR) (computerized data form) will be sent to your home from the financial aid processor. The USI Scholarship Committee must have in its possession a copy of the page of the SAR where the EFC Number (Expected Family Contribution) is reported, as well as a USI application (this form) on file before the applicant can be considered for a USI Scholarship. USI awards will be presented at the annual TOP 100 program, in May, at the Yreka Community Theater.**
9. Scholarship recipients must present to USI evidence of official registration as a full-time student, usually 12 units. Evidence of registration must be presented for each semester/quarter. Students that receive a USI grant of \$600 or less will be awarded the money in one award. Students that receive \$601 or more will be awarded the money in two equal payments. **Scholarship recipients must present all required documentation and claim their first semester money by December 1, 2012. For their second payment, they must present all required documentation and claim their second semester money by April 1st, 2013; otherwise their scholarships will be forfeited.**
10. Students receiving a USI Scholarship their YHS senior year are then eligible to apply for a competitive USI Continuing Scholarship in future years. USI Continuing Scholarship applications are due approximately September 10th of each succeeding year.

THIS SECTION TO BE FILLED OUT BY APPLICANT

(Please print or type)

If any member of your family is attending an institution of higher education, give the following information: age, years completed, total anticipated years, name of the college they are attending:

What career do you plan to follow? Explain why you feel suited to this career:

What is your college major? Why have you selected this major?

What college do you plan to attend if you receive this scholarship?

What is the estimated cost of tuition and fees for your freshman year at college?

What is the estimated cost of room and board for your freshman year at college?

List any employment/employer(s) you have had and a brief description of duties performed:

List any awards or honors in school or community:

Describe your participation in organized activities outside of school (church, community, youth groups, etc.):

List varsity sports in which you have lettered:

List your student activities, including offices held:

THIS SECTION TO BE FILLED OUT BY PARENT OR GUARDIAN

(Any information provided below will be strictly confidential)

Approximately what needed financial assistance, if any, is the family able and willing to provide to assist applicant in completing the first college year?

Optional: Does your family have any challenging situations or special circumstances? (Use an attached sheet of paper if desired)

Student's Name: _____

The USI Scholarship Committee seeks to gain an understanding of you as a person. This essay is your opportunity to discuss an idea or an issue that matters to you, to write about a person who has influenced you, or to describe an experience that has helped shape who you are. In this essay, the Committee is interested in how you think and how you express your thoughts. Please keep the essay less than 500 words.