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The Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans, a non-profit organization, was founded in 1947 to combat a growing attitude among young people that economic opportunity was a thing of the past. The Association celebrates the "Horatio Alger heroes" of today by presenting Horatio Alger Awards, and it helps create the "heroes" of the future by awarding need-based scholarships. By the time of its 65th anniversary in 2012, the Association will have awarded more than \$87 million in scholarships to deserving young people. The Association strives to motivate and educate our nation's young people about the economic and personal opportunities afforded them through the American free enterprise system.

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*Please encourage eligible students to start their application today. This is one of the most comprehensive scholarships, offering so much more to students than just money. If you have any questions, please be sure to email or call me.*

*Karen L. Crawford*

Application Direct Link: <https://www.horatioalger.org/scholarships/index.cfm>

*(attached: Scholarship overview and 2012 scholarship poster)*

# 2012 Horatio Alger Scholarship Application Information

The Horatio Alger Association seeks to assist students who have:

- demonstrated integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity
- strength of character
- financial need
- a good academic record
- commitment to pursue a college education
- a desire to contribute to society

## Eligibility

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

- enrollment full time as a high school senior and taking classes during Spring 2012, progressing normally toward graduation in the Spring/Summer 2012, with plans to enter college no later than the fall following graduation;
- a strong commitment to pursuing and completing a **bachelor's degree** at an accredited public or private institution in the United States (students may start their studies at a two-year institution and then transfer to a four-year institution).
- critical financial need (\$50,000 or less adjusted gross income per family is preferred, if higher, an explanation must be provided);
- involvement in co-curricular and community activities;
- a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0; and
- United States citizenship.

## Application Instructions

To apply for the Horatio Alger Scholarship Programs students must submit the following:

- The online application at [www.horatioalger.org/scholarships](http://www.horatioalger.org/scholarships).
- An online certifications form completed by the applicant's high school (instructions are available for the applicant online).
- An official High School transcript with legend and senior year classes
- An online letter of support on the applicant's behalf (instructions are available for the applicant online).
- A copy of **only** the front page of the applicant's parent/guardian's individual tax return (1040, 1040A, 1040 EZ or 1099 SSA-Social Security Tax Form) for 2010 **AND** benefits statement if applicable (e.g., food stamps or Public Assistance documents, in order to verify income stated on application).

**Applicants must mail documents to the Association at the following address by October 30, 2011 (postmark date). No faxed applications will be accepted.**

**The Horatio Alger Scholarship Program  
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