



WHAT IS A PRESIDENTIAL FREEDOM SCHOLARSHIP?

The Presidential Freedom Scholarship recognizes outstanding leadership in community service by high school juniors and seniors! Your high school can select up to two students to receive the \$1,000 scholarship—\$500 of which is provided by the Corporation for National and Community Service with funds appropriated by Congress, and \$500 of which is secured from your community.

HOW CAN SCHOOLS NOMINATE STUDENTS?

Using the attached certification form, high school officials **MUST** determine which student or students to submit for the Scholarship and must certify all information contained in the scholarship certification form for each selected student. Students are not permitted to apply directly. The high school is the only entity eligible to certify a student.

Schools must secure at least \$500 in matching funds for the Scholarship from a community or civic organization, a local business, a school booster association, or other source. For tips on securing matching funds, please visit our website: www.cns.gov/scholarships.

WHAT ARE THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS?

- ▶ Has not been a recipient of this scholarship previously.
- ▶ Is a high school junior or senior during the 2004-2005 academic year.
- ▶ Has contributed at least 100 hours of community service within the 12 months prior to applying (For complete guidelines on qualifying service activities, please refer to our website www.cns.gov/scholarships).
- ▶ Is a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.
- ▶ Attends a public, private, charter, or parochial school located within one of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, an Indian tribe, a U.S. territory, or a Department of Defense school.
- ▶ Plans to attend an eligible institution of higher education in the U.S. as defined in the Higher Education Act of 1965 as amended, 20 USC 1001(a).

WHAT ARE THE DEADLINES?

April 1, 2005 – Early notification

July 1, 2005 – Final postmark deadline. We will not accept certification forms after the final postmark deadline.

Submit your forms early—we will award up to **7,800** Scholarships this year.

For more information, additional copies of the form, and **to submit your nominations online**, please visit www.cns.gov/scholarships.

Mail or fax the completed certification forms to:

Presidential Freedom Scholarships
1150 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 1100
Washington, DC 20036
(866) 291-7700 (toll-free)
(202) 742-5390 (local)
(202) 742-5393 (fax)

Please remember to keep a copy for your records.

**CERTIFICATION FORM CHECKLIST
HAVE YOU...**

- Filled out the certification form completely and legibly?
Note: Forms with missing or illegible information are ineligible and will not be processed.
- Completed no more than two (2) certification forms for students who have not previously received this scholarship in the past?
- Secured a local matching scholarship of at least \$500 for each student?
- Made a copy of each certification form for your records?**

- ▶ Type or print clearly and legibly using black or blue ink
- ▶ Fill in all blanks completely (please do not use abbreviations)
- ▶ The final postmark deadline for submitting certification forms is **July 1, 2005**. We strongly encourage you to submit your school's certification forms as early as possible.

EXAMPLES OF STUDENT SERVICE

Every recipient of the Scholarship must complete at least 100 hours of service. Past recipients have served their community in numerous ways:



As a student leader in an after-school service program, Steven, a junior from Oklahoma, rallied his fellow students to participate in a food drive for the homeless that became much more. After delivering a truckload of donated food and serving in the shelter's kitchen, Steven noticed that the shelter residents lacked adequate winter clothing, so he organized a clothing drive at his school. With the success of that drive, he motivated other students in school and in his service program to visit nearby schools to encourage other students to get involved in the food and clothing drives. These efforts led to ongoing support for the needs of the homeless throughout the community.



Alicia's social studies class in Texas was assigned to watch national news programs for class discussion. Deeply affected by the news about the war in Iraq, Alicia was determined to do more than just discuss the events. She led her classmates in writing letters to soldiers to let them know that their service was valued and appreciated. In order to pay for postage, Alicia solicited donations from local community organizations and businesses. She and her fellow students also gathered enough phone cards and stamps to help hundreds of soldiers keep in touch with their families.



In one Florida school, Kayla and her classmates in a Spanish language class used their newly acquired skills to help teach English to children who had immigrated from Central and South America. In this service-learning activity, the high school students increased their Spanish language ability as they worked with the younger children. Working with the children and their families, Kayla learned that English language skills were a barrier to employment for many of the parents. This led Kayla to create and teach formal and informal English language classes for adults after school.





2005 Presidential Freedom Scholarship Certification Form

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STUDENT INFORMATION

Please be sure this section is complete and legible. We will use the information listed in this section for mailing notification materials and for any additional contacts with the student. If information is missing or illegible, the form will not be processed.

First Name: _____ MI: ____ Last Name: _____ Suffix: _____
(Include Jr., III)

Permanent Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Male Female
(OPTIONAL)

Home Phone: (____) _____ Alternate Phone: (____) _____

Birthdate: ____/____/____ Social Security Number: _____-____-____
(REQUIRED)

For academic year 2004-2005, student is a: Junior Senior

FOR SENIORS ONLY

Full name of college/university that student has been accepted to or plans to attend:

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Intended Enrollment Date:

(Month) _____

(Year) _____

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

Each high school may submit certification forms for up to two (2) students in any award year. Each student must have his/her own form. Please provide the name of a contact at the school other than the principal. Please provide an email address. Forms submitted online will receive confirmation of receipt of certification form(s).

Full Name of High School: _____

School Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Contact Name: _____ School Phone Number: (____) _____

School Contact Email Address: _____

Summer Email Address: _____ **Summer** Phone Number: (____) _____

MATCHING FUNDS INFORMATION

In order for a student to receive the Presidential Freedom Scholarship, his or her school must obtain matching funds of at least \$500 from a local community organization or organizations. If several organizations or individuals are contributing the \$500 or more in matching funds, please provide the contact information for one of the organizations, but list each organization and the funds provided to show at least \$500 on the extra line provided. The school and the organization are responsible for determining the process for disbursing these funds to the student. A student's parents or other family members are not permitted to provide matching funds on his/her behalf. In addition, asking students to raise their own matching funds is not permitted. Forms received without this information will be considered incomplete and will not be processed.

Full Name of Organization: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email address: _____

Phone number: (____) _____ Amount: \$ _____

Names of additional organization(s) and amount of funds contributed (if applicable): _____

Privacy Act Statement: In compliance with the Privacy Act of 1974, the following information is provided. The collection of this information is authorized by the National and Community Service Act, as amended by the National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993. The primary purpose of this information collection is to determine eligibility and award the Presidential Freedom Scholarships. Providing this information is voluntary. All information contained in the application is available only to the Corporation for National and Community Service and the organization contracted to provide technical and administrative support for the Presidential Freedom Scholarships, and will not be provided to any organization outside the Corporation.



PUBLICITY RELEASE (OPTIONAL)

If I am selected to receive a Presidential Freedom Scholarship, the Corporation for National and Community Service and its designees may use my name and the name of my school or place of residence for purposes of news, publicity, and publications.

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____
(if student is under 18 years of age)

STUDENT SERVICE INFORMATION

Approximate number of hours served in the past 12 months: _____
(The past 12 months is defined as the period 12 months prior to the date this form is completed.)

Were the activities part of a service-learning program? Yes No

This student served all or most of his/her 100 hours of service with _____
(list one organization or program only)

Please classify the service performed by the student by checking all boxes that apply.

Health

- Drug/Alcohol Prevention
- Teen Pregnancy Prevention
- Smoking Prevention
- Hospital/Clinic Support
- Public Health Activities
- Other Health Education

Environment

- Community Improvement/Cleanup
- Community Gardens
- Parks and Trails
- Water Testing/Cleanup
- Endangered Species
- Lead Avoidance

Other Human Needs

- Elderly Assistance
- Hunger/Homelessness

Public Safety

- Homeland Security
- Disaster Relief
- Disaster Preparedness
- Violence Prevention
- Conflict Resolution/Mediation
- Community Policing
- Bike Safety
- Auto Safety

Education

- Literacy
- Tutoring, Mentoring, Coaching/Homework Help
- Supporting Out of School Activities
- Big Brother/Big Sister
- ESL Tutoring
- Promoting Tolerance/Diversity
- Youth Serving Youth

Other _____

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

Research indicates that students gain the most from their service when they have the opportunity to reflect upon and analyze their service. This reflection may take many forms.

Please select the setting in which the **majority** of the student's service was completed:

- Class or Course
- Self initiated or outside of organized setting
- Club or other organized activity outside of school

Please indicate the ways in which the student has reflected on his or her service.

- Kept a journal
- Discussed service in class related to course content
- Wrote a research paper
- Wrote a fictional piece
- Wrote a factual piece
- Wrote or performed a play
- Wrote or performed music
- Painted, drew, or sculpted
- Discussed with family and/or friends
- Other _____

CERTIFICATION

This section must be completed by the school principal or head of school. No other staff member or any other person may sign on behalf of, or in place of, the principal.

I verify that (student's name) _____ completed at least 100 hours of service to the community, meets the eligibility requirements of the program, and displays outstanding leadership in service. I certify that the information on this form is accurate, that no more than two students from this high school are being certified to receive this scholarship, and that the process by which the student was selected to receive a Presidential Freedom Scholarship did not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, disability, sex, age, political affiliation, or religion.

Principal's Signature: _____

Principal's Full Name (Print): _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Date of your school's awards or graduation ceremony: ____ / ____ /05

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