



APPLICATION FOR AFA EDUCATION FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

Dear Applicant,

As you are aware, the American Fence Association's Education Foundation in conjunction with the generous support of contributing organizations has established a NEED-BASED scholarship program consisting of several scholarships to assist deserving students finance their education.

In order to be eligible to receive one of these scholarships, you must submit a completed application (attached). The program is need-based and is NOT limited to AFA members.

You should note the following;

- Please read over the application and complete all sections. Incomplete applications shall not be considered by the Education Committee.
- You should be aware that scoring of applications is based upon a "point per answer" system. Be certain to give as much information as possible to aid the committee in its selection.
- WE MUST RECEIVE YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION IN OUR OFFICE NO LATER THAN **December 1, 2014**. Applications postmarked December 1 or earlier will also be eligible.
- The Education Committee will review all applications and award the scholarships. All applicants will be notified of the results no later than March 1, 2015.

On behalf of the American Fence Association Education Foundation and the Education Committee, I want to personally thank you for this commitment to the betterment of yourself and our industry shown by requesting this application.

Good Luck and best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William L. Shirley II".

William L. Shirley II, CFP
Chair, AFA Education Foundation





AFAEF SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

PART I. TYPES OF SCHOLARSHIP:

Scholarships for any level of education beyond high school, including college, junior college, graduate school, trade school, etc. may be awarded.

PART II. CRITERIA AND CONDITIONS:

AFA Education Foundation scholarship recipients must:

1. Have achieved a "B" level grade point average or better in the previous three years of schooling;
2. Be currently employed in the fence, deck and railing industry or the child of a current employee in the fence, deck and railing industry, and cannot be a member of the Board of Directors of AFA Education Foundation or the American Fence Association or the child or other relative of such member;
3. File a properly completed application by the annual due date;
4. Have performed a minimum of 40 documented hours of community service over the previous four years.

An applicant must provide an essay, a photograph of themselves that could be used in a slide presentation at FENCETECH and three letters of recommendation. Scholarships may be used only for four year colleges and universities, recognized two year "junior colleges", and construction industry related vocational training schools. They will be awarded for one year at a time. For 2015, scholarships will be gifts and will be awarded in a minimum of at least \$1,500.

Scholarship recipients will be determined as follows:

- Applications for 2015 scholarships must be submitted by December 1, 2014.
- Scholarships will be awarded at the FENCETECH trade show when possible but no later than March 1st.
- Applicants' names will be kept anonymous from the Selection Committee.
- The Selection Committee will be comprised of: one AFA staff member (as designated by AFA's Board of Directors), two representatives from the AFAEF Board of Directors (as designated by the AFAEF Board of Directors), Chair-Elect of AFA Board of Governors, President-Elect of AFA.
- The AFAEF Board of Directors will determine the number and amount of scholarships to award in 2015 prior to September 1, 2014.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read the criteria and conditions and understand them.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

DATE



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PART III. SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

(Please type or print clearly-provide additional pages if required)

Name: _____ Date: _____

Home address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

If applying as a current employee of a company in the fence deck and railing industry:

Position in Company: _____ Years in the fence industry: _____

Employer: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

If applying as a child of a current employee of a company in the fence deck and railing industry:

Name of parent who is employed in the fence, deck and railing industry: _____

Position in Company: _____ Years in the fence industry: _____

Employer: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Highest level of education achieved by applicant: _____

Grade point achieved in previous three years of schooling by applicant: _____

- **Please attach transcripts or other proof of grade point average.**

Please describe what have you done to provide 40 or more hours of community service over the previous four years (document organizations served, dates of service and number of hours of service given)

Organization 1: _____ Dates of Service: _____ Hours of Service: _____

Organization 2: _____ Dates of Service: _____ Hours of Service: _____

Organization 3: _____ Dates of Service: _____ Hours of Service: _____

Organization 4: _____ Dates of Service: _____ Hours of Service: _____

Required financial information for needs-based scholarship:

After taking into account your savings, help from family, spouse's income if applicable, and any other outside resources, how much FINANCIAL AID do you expect to need (scholarships, grants, and loans) for the upcoming school year: \$ _____

Specify the applicable expenses:

- () Tuition: Please estimate \$ _____
- () Books & Supplies: Please estimate: \$ _____
- () Living Expenses: Please estimate: \$ _____
- () Child Care: Please estimate: \$ _____
- () Unusual costs: Please estimate: \$ _____

and explain: _____

Please list personal debts (home mortgage, credit card, of \$100 or more) below. (List educational loans in final section of application):

Creditor's Name	Purpose Of Loan	Unpaid Balance	Monthly Payment
_____	_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
TOTAL:		\$ _____	\$ _____

Status: () Single () Married () Single Parent
 () Number of Children you support: _____ Ages: _____

() Currently expecting a child: Mo/Year _____

Sources of income for upcoming school year (12 month period):

- () Savings/investments \$ _____ available
- () Employment \$ _____
- () Spouse's net income \$ _____
- () Other family assistance expected approx. \$ _____

Do you have any outstanding educational loans? () Yes () No
 Were any of these loans disbursed before July 1, 1993? () Yes () No

Please list TOTAL amount of outstanding educational loans \$ _____

- Please be sure to attach an essay on why you should be awarded a scholarship (maximum 1,000 words).
- Please attach three letters of recommendation from individuals who know you well (not members of your immediate family).
- Please attach a 3"x5" head shot of yourself that could be used for a presentation at FENCETECH.

Certification: I certify that the information provided is correct to the best of my knowledge.

 APPLICANT NAME

 SIGNATURE

 DATE

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO:

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