



2017 Future Haitian-American Leaders Scholarship Program

Failure to follow instructions may lead to disqualification of your application. Applicants found to have made false or misleading statements will be disqualified from consideration.

Guidelines

The Georgia Haitian-American Chamber of Commerce Inc. (GAHCCI) invites applications for its 2017 Future Haitian-American Leaders Scholarship Program, a scholarship program honoring high achieving, high school students of Haitian descent. Recipients will be awarded between \$500 to \$1,000 for tuition, books, living expenses, and other required fees. Scholarships are available to high-achieving high school seniors with a minimum 3.20 GPA who seek to attend accredited four-year colleges and universities.

Program Guidelines & Priorities:

We request the following essay so we can better understand your need and background. All information in this section is mandatory and only viewed by GAHCCI staff & judging committee.

- Seeking graduating seniors from an accredited Georgia high school of Haitian descent or heritage.
- Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 3.2 or above, and plan to attend an accredited four-year college or university. Applicants must also include a copy of an official high school transcript.
- Personal essay: Please address the following questions in a 500 (or less) word essay. Applicants must answer question (1) and must answer question (2), (3) or (4).

Personal Essay Questions

(1) How do you identify as someone of Haitian heritage? **Mandatory Question.**

Answer one of the three questions below:

(2) How will this scholarship allow you to positively impact the Haitian-American community or the world in which you live?

(3) How do you plan to use your talents and professional skills to contribute to the continued success of the Haitian community

(4) What challenges or obstacles have you experienced and overcome in life and how will this help you succeed in college and beyond?

- Scholarship recipients will be notified **on July 10, 2017. The scholarship will be paid directly to the students during the gala.**

Application deadline is **June 23, 2017 by 5:00 P.M. Eastern Standard Time.** Late or incomplete applications are not accepted.

Email one copy of a completed typed pdf formatted application package to:

(This includes scholarship application, essay, and school transcript). Applications must be submitted in pdf format and include the heading "2017 Scholarship" in the subject line.

scholarship@gahcci.org

The applications will be reviewed and recipients selected by a committee consisting of the Board of Directors and volunteers from GAHCCI. Applications may be downloaded from the GAHCCI website at www.gahcci.org. Please submit any questions to: scholarship@gahcci.org Include "2017 Scholarship" in the subject line of the email.



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2017

Please type your answers.	
1.	Last Name: _____ First Name: _____
2.	Mailing Address Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
3.	Daytime Telephone Number: () _____ Email Address: _____
4.	Date of Birth: Month Day Year Gender: _____
5.	Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA): _____ (On a 4.0 scale) Attach proof of GPA. Your most recent school transcript is required.
6.	Are you of Haitian Heritage: YES ___ NO _____
7.	Name and location of High School attending: _____
8.	(If your resume or activities sheet answers question 8, please attach and skip to Question 9.) A. List any academic honors, awards and membership activities while in high school: B. List your hobbies, interests, extracurricular activities and school-related volunteer activities: C. List your non-school sponsored volunteer activities in the community:
9.	A. If you have decided on what college/university you will attend, please list the name: B. Include a pdf copy of acceptance Letter:
10.	A. Career Goal: B. Relevant Internship or Work Experience:
11.	Are you or your <u>parent or legal guardian</u> born in Haiti or are of Haitian descent? Yes_____ No_____
If your answer is 'yes' please answer blocks A, B, C below.	
12.	A. His/her full name: _____
	B. What city in Haiti are you or your parents from? _____



	C	What Haitian community or organization are you or your parents a part of?
13.	Name & address of parent(s) or legal guardian(s): (Include address if different than the one listed in Question 2.) Name(s): Street: City: State: Zip: Home phone of parents or legal guardians: Work phone:	

14. On a separate sheet please write an essay (500 words or less) answering the questions below:

- (1) How do you identify as someone of Haitian heritage? and (2) How will this scholarship allow you to positively impact the Haitian-American community or the world in which you live? (3) How do you plan to use your talents and professional skills to contribute to the continued success of the Haitian community (4) What challenges or obstacles have you experienced and overcome in life and how will this help you succeed in college and beyond?

Note: Applicants must answer question (1) and in addition select question (2), (3) or (4).

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY FOR STUDENTS

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that if chosen as a scholarship winner my picture may be taken and used to promote the GAHCCI's scholarship program. Winner may waive photo due to unusual or compelling circumstances.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, according to GAHCCI scholarship policy, I must be present at any potential awards ceremony, surprise, or reception to receive my scholarship award.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, the money must be used to pay for approved expenses per GAHCCI scholarship policy.

I hereby understand I will not submit this application without all required attachments and supporting information. Incomplete applications or applications that do not meet eligibility criteria will not be considered for this scholarship.

Signature of scholarship applicant: _____ **Date:** _____

Checklist

- ___ Application
- ___ Essay
- ___ Resume/Activity Sheet
- ___ Acceptance Letter

E-MAIL COMPLETE APPLICATION PACKAGE TO THE GAHCCI AT:
scholarship@gahcci.org

REMINDER:

The deadline for this application to be received by the GAHCCI's Office is:
June 23, 2017, 5:00 P.M. EST. NO EXCEPTIONS!