HAMILTON HIGH SCHOOL
SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT
Community Scholarships 2015 Common Application

Community Scholarships: Hamilton High School has scholarships available to its students because of donations through community organizations.

I. Scholarship Background: Hamilton High is fortunate to receive scholarship funding from various the following community sources:

- Sterling Foundation
- Light Family
- Council of British Societies
- General Scholarship Fund

Because these scholarships are from private donations, they are available to students who qualify for the “Dream Act” (formerly AB540 students).

II. Scholarship Guidelines:

1. Award Amount: Upon graduation from high school, and after providing proof of enrollment in an accredited college or university, each eligible Scholar will receive their scholarship award. Scholars who do not claim their award in a given year may forfeit the remaining scholarship.

2. Scholarship Criteria: To be eligible for scholarship consideration, the student candidates must:

   - Be a senior for whom this designation, honor, and scholarship will make a decided difference.
   - Have a grade-point-average of 2.5 or higher from the 9th grade and through the first semester of 12th grade.
   - Have demonstrated financial need; EOP criteria may serve as a guide.
   - Have demonstrated a commitment to school and/or community involvement.

3. Selection Criteria: Candidates will be evaluated on the following criteria:

   - Academic potential, including GPA, difficulty of course load, enrollment in college preparatory courses, and/or a student’s intent to attend college.
   - Commitment to community including volunteer work and/or a student’s desire to make a difference in their community and school.
   - Financial need including how the current situation will impact a student’s path to college.
   - Extraordinary circumstance including adversity students have faced or are facing—or that they have overcome.

III. Application Process

1. Fill out an application form. The form (available from your counselor or online) asks for demographic, educational, and financial information, as well as a description of the student’s participation in school and community activities.

2. Obtain letters of recommendation. Two letters of recommendation are required. One letter must be from a teacher, counselor, or school administrator. Both recommenders must be able to write about the student’s character and accomplishments in life.

3. Obtain copies of transcripts. Each student must submit a copy of an academic transcript, current through the end of fall, 2011.

4. Return completed application to your counselor before Friday, May 15, 2015
Hamilton High School Community Scholarships Application
2015 APPLICATION
(Complete and return to your Counselor)
These scholarships are available to all students including AB540

Please print or type

Name: ____________________________________________
   Last  First  Middle

Address: ____________________________________________
   Street  City  State  Zip

Telephone (area code and number) __________________________ Email ________________

Parent / Guardian Full Name ____________________________________________

Address and Telephone (if different from above) ________________________________

Demographic Information

Date of Birth ____________________  Birthplace ____________________

Will you be a first generation college student?  ☐ Yes  ☐ No

What is your total household income? ____________________________

This income supports how many people? ____________________________

Brief answers of one paragraph each (may be attached on a separate piece of paper):

• Tell us about your family, your parents’ or guardians’ background, education levels, and the type of work they do.

• Tell us how this honor and scholarship will make a difference in your life.

• Tell us about an immediate goal or something you want to accomplish after you graduate from high school.
Educational Information

High School

Grade Point Average ______________________

Honors and Awards:

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Outside Involvement

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Community Activities, Volunteer Service, or Employment:

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