

GENERAL APPLICATION PAGE 1

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Applicant Information and Photo	APPLICANT INFORMATION (Print Clearly!)			APPLICANT'S PHOTO (Do Not Bend!)		
	Last Name		First	M.I.		<p>WRITE YOUR NAME ON THE BACK OF A GLOSSY HEAD AND SHOULDER PHOTO OF YOURSELF. ATTACH HERE USING POST-IT OR SCOTCH TAPE ON THE PHOTO BACK. PLEASE! NO PAPER CLIPS OR STAPLES! DO NOT BEND YOUR PHOTO!</p> <p><u>OR</u> IF FAXING APPLICATION, EMAIL PHOTO SEPARATELY IN JPEG FORMAT TO: INFO@HAMILTONFRIENDS.ORG</p> <p><u>DO NOT SEND A FAX, XEROX</u></p> <p><u>OR</u></p> <p><u>PHOTOCOPY OF A PICTURE</u></p>
			M -- F			
	School		Grade (Juniors only)	Gender (circle)		
	Student's Address			Date of Birth		
	City		State	Zip code		
	Student Home Phone			Student E-mail		
	Student Cell Phone (optional)			Fax (optional)		
	Father or Guardian Name			Mother or Guardian Name		
	Parents' Address/es (if different from student's, please indicate which parent)					
City, State, Zip						

School Information	SCHOOL INFORMATION (Print Clearly!)			INFORMATION			
	School						
	Counselor's or Advisor's Last Name		First	M.I.		<p>READ THIS INFORMATION!</p> <p><u>ONLY HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THIS AWARD. STUDENTS MUST BE ENROLLED IN AN ACCREDITED K-12 PROGRAM IN THE UNITED STATES OR ITS TERRITORIES. APPLICATIONS MAY BE DOWNLOADED AT:</u></p> <p><u>WWW.HAMILTONFRIENDS.ORG</u></p>	
	Title		E-mail				
	School Address						
	City		State	Zip code			
	Counselor's or School Phone			School Fax			

Certification	CERTIFICATION BY SCHOOL OFFICIAL		
	I certify: that I am an official at the above named high school (the "Institution"); that the Institution is an accredited K-12 school in this state; that the applicant is a student in good standing at this Institution; that the applicant has junior class standing at this Institution; and that he or she is on track to graduate with the Class of 2011.		
Name and Title of School Official		Signature of Official	Date

Release	RELEASE OF SELECTED INFORMATION AND PARTICIPATION IN PROGRAMS		
	Permission is hereby granted to the Alexander Hamilton Friends Association to: post my (my child's) photo and bio-sketch on the Hamilton Friends website (gold and silver winners only); (2) send announcements to selected news media; (3) attend the Hamilton Leaders Academy in Seattle in June, 2011 (gold only); and participate in the educational programs sponsored by the Alexander Hamilton Friends Association (gold only).		
Signature of Student		Date	Signature of Parent or Guardian
			Date

Submission	BEFORE YOU SUBMIT: MAKE SURE ALL APPLICATION AND CONTINUATION PAGES ARE INCLUDED AND YOU HAVE INCLUDED A PHOTO WITH THIS APPLICATION OR EMAILED IT IN JPEG FORMAT. SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION USING MAIL, FAX OR EMAIL NO LATER THAN APRIL 16, 2010 TO:		
	MAIL:	THE ALEXANDER HAMILTON FRIENDS ASSOCIATION ATTN: JOSLIN BOROUGHS, DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS 216 1 ST AVENUE SOUTH -- Suite 345 SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98104	
	FAX:	(206) 467-3148	Phone: (206) 774-0764
	EMAIL (PDF FORMAT):	info@hamiltonfriends.org	

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who is eligible for the Alexander Hamilton Citizenship Achievement Award (the "Award")?

Students with junior (11th grade) class standing in an accredited K-12 institution are eligible for the Award.

How many applications do you receive annually?

In 2009 we received over 350 applications from over 40 states.

Does the Alexander Hamilton Citizenship Achievement Award have different levels?

We have three levels: Gold, Silver and Merit. All winners receive an award certificate. Gold and Silver winners receive, respectively, \$500 and \$250 scholarships, plus participation in our promotional program and a signed copy of a selected book on Alexander Hamilton. Select Silver and all Gold winners are enrolled in the Hamilton Leaders Academy.

If I win the Award, when will I be notified?

All three levels of winners will be posted on the website in early May, 2010. Gold and Silver Award winners will be emailed.

How will I know if you received my application or if I did not win the Award?

Upon receipt of your application we will email you. We will not contact you if you do not win the award, however, a list of the winners will be posted on the website by May 7th, 2010.

Is the program needs-based?

Yes. Our primary concern is to find qualified applicants who will benefit from our programs and who may not otherwise have access to the services we offer.

My parents' income is over \$65,000. Will I qualify under your needs criteria?

It is still possible to win the Award. Our needs analysis is comprehensive and takes several other factors into consideration.

How do you measure need? What do you mean by 'a comprehensive analysis'?

In addition to income, we consider personal issues, family and community situation. Personal issues include medical, social and any other factors that may inhibit your ability to pay for college. Family issues involve an analysis of your nuclear family: whether your household includes one or both parents; whether one or two parents support you and how they are employed; and, if your support is from someone other than a parent, what the circumstances may be. Community issues include the economic situation of your environs, the range of educational opportunities available to you, and other factors.

Could you explain the judging process?

The Award is based on achievement, service and need. There are three achievement factors: scholastic, entrepreneurial and personal achievement. The personal achievement category covers almost anything that doesn't fit the other two categories (such as athletic or artistic achievement). The service factors are school-related and community-related service. These activities must have commenced by the beginning of the student's freshman year (September 1, 2007). Need factors include financial considerations, personal challenges, family situation and community issues. We translate all of these factors into a numerical grid scoring system and choose from the resulting ranking. (See "Judging" below.)

Why do I need to submit a photo, and how should I send it?

If you win a Silver or Gold Award, we will use your photo on our website when announcing the results. You may email your photo in jpeg format to info@hamiltonfriends.org or, if you are mailing your application, send a glossy head-and-shoulder photo of yourself with your name written on the back and attach it to the front of this application using a Post-It, or scotch tape on the photo back. Do not use paper clips or staples. Also, do not fax your photo!

If I do not send an acceptable photo by mail or in jpeg format, will I be eligible for a Hamilton Award?

No. We need a good photo so that if you win we can quickly post it to our website.

If I have additional questions, what should I do?

First, check out our website at www.hamiltonfriends.org. You may also choose to email us at info@hamiltonfriends.org. Our office phone number is: (206) 774-0764.

JUDGING

Judging is a result of an evaluation of the five sections of this application. From these answers we develop two scores: the first is the achievement and service commitment (ASC) score; and the second is the needs-based profile (NBP) score. Achievement scores are given for scholastic, entrepreneurial and personal achievement. Service scores are given for school-related and community service. In each of the three achievement and two service areas we develop a numerical score from 0.1 to 9.9. We rank achievement and service two ways. The first uses the average of only the top achievement and top service scores among applicants. The second uses the average of the average achievement and average service scores. In both cases, achievement and service scores are equally weighted. The higher of these two numbers is the candidate's ASC score. Needs factors include: financial, personal challenges, family situation, community issues and the candidate's ability to benefit from AHFA programs. From these factors each candidate is given an NBP score of very significant, significant, moderate or limited. The highest ASC scores with significant or higher need are the top winners, followed by those candidates with moderate or lower need.

Personal

REQUIRED INFORMATION

STUDENT CANDIDATE

Last Name

First

Middle

SCHOOL

School

I ACHIEVEMENT QUESTIONS

- 1 Scholastic Achievements. Is the school, course work and grade point information you list in Section IV, page 5 of this application an accurate reflection of your scholastic achievement? If so, check here _____. If not, describe why it is not reflective of your scholastic achievement.

USE CONTINUATION ANSWER SHEET IF NECESSARY

Achievement Questions

- 2 Entrepreneurial Achievements. Have you ever started a business or club, or organized an event or fund-raising effort? Do you have work experience outside of school? Do you have to work to support yourself or your family?

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- 3 Personal Achievements. Please list the achievements that you believe are significant. These achievements could be athletic, artistic, creative or leadership-oriented.

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Service Questions

II SERVICE QUESTIONS

- 1 School-Related Service. What school-related extracurricular organizations do you participate in, and what leadership positions have you held with those organizations since September 1, 2007? How many years of service have you logged with these organizations?

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- 2 Community Service. Describe any service activities outside of your school you are engaged in. What offices you have held in pursuit of those activities? What areas of service you were responsible for? How many hours of community service have you logged since September 1, 2007?

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Discussion Questions

III DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1 Briefly describe your personal situation, family and home life. Do you have significant personal challenges? Do you live with one parent, both parents or with a guardian? Are both parents employed? Also, please describe the community you live in. Is it rural, urban, suburban? Do you feel safe in your community? Do you feel you have access to a variety of educational opportunities?

USE CONTINUATION ANSWER SHEET IF NECESSARY

- 2 Give us the "big picture" about you. Tell us a little about yourself and what motivates you. If you feel any of your achievements are exceptional, please describe the achievement and why you think it is significant.

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School

IV SCHOOL, COURSE WORK AND GRADE POINT INFORMATION (REQUIRED)

- 1 How many students are in your junior class at your school?

My class rank is:

- 2 My current GPA is:

My current weighted GPA is:

- 3 I am currently taking the following AP courses:

Financial

V FAMILY AND FINANCIAL RELATED QUESTIONS (REQUIRED)(SUBJECT TO VERIFICATION ON REQUEST)

- 6 How many sibling do you have? (circle) 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Above 7

- 7 I live with: Both Parents One Parent Grandparent or Other Relative Guardian or Foster Care

- 8 Do your parents have any post secondary education (education beyond high school)?

If so, what degree do they have? (circle) Technical School AA BA MA Doctorate Other: _____

- 9 My family's adjusted gross income is: (Please list)

Note: If you win the award you may be asked to verify your family's adjusted gross income.

CONTINUATION ANSWER SHEET

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PLEASE USE THIS PAGE IF YOU NEED EXTRA SPACE. BE SURE TO NUMBER YOUR ANSWERS TO CORRESPOND WITH THE QUESTIONS ASKED. YOU MAY USE ADDITIONAL COPIES OF THIS PAGE IF NEEDED.

Please Print or Write Your Answer Legibly!

Submission

SUBMISSION OF INFORMATION

This and all other application pages must be mailed, e-mailed, or faxed by April 16, 2010 to:

MAIL:

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