



GAWDA 2017 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PACKAGE

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GAWDA Foundation Scholarship



Introduction

The GAWDA Foundation Scholarship was created in 2011 for the purpose of providing support to recipients during their formal education. The amount available varies from year to year.

The GAWDA Foundation Scholarship is available to children and employees of active GAWDA member companies. The goal of the GAWDA Foundation is to promote education within the Gases and Welding Industry. Therefore, the Trustees make the decisions regarding use and distribution of the funds available.

Eligibility

The GAWDA Scholarship will be awarded to children and employees of active GAWDA member companies. All applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements (the requirements listed are just for your consideration). The selection committee should review these sample requirements and include additional requirements you feel will establish your desired applicant pool.

1. Applicant must be a minimum of eighteen years of age.
2. Applicant must have at least a high school diploma.
3. Applicant must have a “2.5” overall grade point average if pursuing a degree program.
4. Applicant must provide a letter of reference indicating how they will use their related education.
5. Student may be enrolled full time or part time.
6. For students with a financial need, Proof of financial need is required to qualify for special consideration.
See section labeled ***Consideration for “Financial Need”***

Applicant must submit all required application information

8. Applicant must be a citizen or legal resident of the United States and plan to attend an academic institution located within the United States.
9. Applicants may reapply. Persons who have received this award may reapply for future consideration.
10. Persons may not be considered if the GAWDA company membership lapses.

The Foundation does not discriminate by age, race, color, national origin, disability, creed, or gender.

2017 Awards - This year, there are 12 awards of \$2,000 for selected GAWDA recipients.

All awards are for tuition fees only and will be paid in one of two ways;

- For students that qualify for “financial need” consideration, fees will be paid directly to the academic institution by the Foundation.
- All other awards may be paid to the recipient only after proof of successful course completion and receipt of payment made to the academic institution.

GAWDA Foundation Application Information

Procedure

Applicant must submit the following:



1. Application (form)
2. A letter of reference **from the GAWDA member company** documenting employment experience and/or relationship to GAWDA Member Company.
3. Personal Statement (should be 300-500 words in length, typewritten, and double-spaced) documenting your ambitions, goals, leadership, and any other factors to assist the committee in judging your eligibility.
Other factors you may want to highlight:
 - Demonstrated timeliness and completion of assignments
 - Creativity in solving problems
 - Demonstrated responsibility on own initiative
 - Ability to work well with others
 - Organizational skills (ability to handle multiple tasks, time management)
 - Participation in class, campus and outside organizations
 - General Background information
 - Career Objectives
4. Original Official Transcript(s) sent directly from the college or university: high school students entering their first year program must provide an original official high school transcript.

Consideration for “Financial Need”

1. Statement of Unmet Financial Need completed by an accredited academic institution even if no FAFSA was filed
2. Verification of Enrollment completed by college or university

Please note: Recipients will be asked to submit a 5 x 7 head and shoulders color photograph for publicity purposes.

Deadline

Deadline for application is February 15, 2017.

For More Information

Please contact:

GAWDA
One Oakwood Blvd., suite 195
Hollywood, Florida 33020
954-367-7728, extension 230
Fax – 954-367-7790



GAWDA Foundation Scholarship Application

Deadline for Submission:
Postmarked by February 15, 2017

Please Return To:
GAWDA
One Oakwood Boulevard, Suite 195
Hollywood, Florida 33020

Student ID Number _____ GAWDA Member Company _____

Applicant's Name _____ Email address _____

Current Address _____
Number Street Apt. No. City State Zip

Home Phone Number () _____ Are you at least 18 years of age? _____ if no, please give your age _____

Are you a U. S. Citizen? Yes _____ No _____ If no, are you a legal US resident? Yes _____ No _____

Are you employed? Yes _____ No _____ If yes, please give the following:

Employer's Name _____ Employer's Phone Number () _____

Employer's Address _____
Number Street Apt. No. City State Zip

Parent/Guardian's Name _____ Parent/Guardian's Phone () _____
(If under 18 years of age)

Parent/Guardian's Address _____
Number Street Apt. No. City State Zip

Parent/Guardian's Employer _____ Employer's Phone Number () _____

Employer's Address _____
Number Street Apt. No. City State Zip

NAME OF COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY _____

Address _____
Number Street City State Zip

Contact at College/University _____ Phone Number () _____

Proposed Major Area of Study _____ Expected Date of Graduation _____

I affirm the information that I have (will) provided on this application, or any supportive materials, is (will be) complete, accurate, and true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that furnishing false information may result in not being considered or revocation of financial aid at some later date.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____ If under 18 years of age Date _____



LIST OF SCHOOLS YOU PREVIOUSLY ATTENDED (From High School through the Present)

*** Attach a transcript from all previous institutions attended ***

WORK EXPERIENCE (Include present and previous employment, and use additional paper if required)

FINANCIAL AID REPORT (List previous and current educational scholarships, grants, loans, work-study, or student employment.)
Attach a copy of your Student Financial Aid Form even if no financial aid was received.

LIST OF PERSONAL REFERENCES:

Name	Street/City/State/Zip	Occupation

PERSONAL STATEMENT – Attach a supplementary sheet to give information about your ambitions, goals, background, leadership, and any other factors that would assist the committee in judging your eligibility. (300-500 words)



Verification of Enrollment

Dear Admissions/Registrar:

This student is applying for a scholarship from the Gases and Welding Distributors Association. Please complete the information requested below for verification of the student's acceptance to this academic institution.

In addition, please verify the student's current enrollment status and total number of hours completed. This information should be included in the student's scholarship application package. Thank you.

GAWDA

To be completed by Student:

I authorize the above requested information to be released to GAWDA in connection with my application for a GAWDA Foundation Scholarship.

Student

Academic Institution

Student ID Number

Date

To be completed by Admissions/Registrar:

Student Academic Institution

Date of Acceptance to this Institution: _____

Is this student currently enrolled? _____ *Is the student part time or full time?* _____

Course of study currently enrolled: _____

Number of Academic Hours Completed: _____

Student State: (circle one) Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior Other

Signature _____ *Title* _____

Print Name _____ *Telephone (_____)* _____



Statement of Unmet Financial Need

ATTENTION OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID

This student is applying for a scholarship from the Gases and Welding Distributors Association. Please complete the information requested below for verification of the student's statement of unmet financial need, or attach an official letter from the Office of Financial Aid indicating the student's current budget, needs analysis, and financial aid awards, including scholarships.

Thank You,
GAWDA

To be completed by Student:

I authorize the above requested financial aid information to be released to GAWDA in connection with my application for a GAWDA Foundation Scholarship.

Student Signature

Academic Institution

Student ID Number

Date

(over)



To be completed by Office of Financial Aid:

Student Name *Academic Institution* *Academic Year*

Expected amount of financial need:

Tuition & Fees \$ _____ Room & Board \$ _____

Estimated Academic & Personal Expenses
(Books, Tools, Supplies, Travel) \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Financial Aid:

Did student file for FAFSA? Yes _____ No _____

Personal/family contribution expected \$ _____

Scholarships \$ _____ Grants \$ _____

Loans \$ _____ Work Study \$ _____

Other \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Total Amount of Expected Unmet Financial Need \$ _____

Comments _____

Signature *Title*

In case of questions, please contact: _____

Telephone (_____) _____ Date _____