



***Thank you for your interest in applying for the 2018 Community Scholarship Program!***  
Please read the rules and eligibility criteria carefully. ***Good Luck!***

**ELIGIBILITY:**

- Be a graduating High School Senior who has been homeschooled for at least 2 full years
- Will be attending a Community College, University, or Trade School in the **2018-2019** school year.
- Must submit a completed application with all parts complete with signatures, information, and attachments. See checklist on last page for what should be included

**CRITERIA:**

Our esteemed judging panel will consider all of the following items:

- Volunteer, Leadership, and Extracurricular Activities
- Financial Need (Preference will be given to students who are in financial need *but all students are eligible and are encouraged to apply. Remember this isn't the only thing we are looking for.*)
- Essay
- Passion for your chosen area
- Reference Letter(s)

Applications will be judged by an independent panel of community members including, but not limited to, youth & adult community leaders, homeschooling parents, and volunteers.

**SCHOLARSHIP AWARD DETAILS**

Two (2) scholarships will be awarded:

- **Bright Ideas Press Scholarships – Two (2) \$1,000 Scholarships**

Scholarship monies will be sent directly to the winners' choice schools and may be used for any/all educational related expenses including but not limited to books, board, and tuition. If the winner has not decided which school they will be attending, monies will be distributed when the winner has come to a decision (no later than September of the 2018-2019 school year).

**Each applicant will also receive feedback from at least two judges so that you can learn from this experience for future applications (be that applications for job, school, or scholarship) - A perfect learning experience!**

## SUBMITTING AND DEADLINE

Applications must be postmarked or submitted by **March 31<sup>st</sup> 11:59pm CST**. You can submit it in one of two ways:

- **Your application can be mailed to:**
  - **Homeschool Community Scholarship**  
**2877 E 2369<sup>th</sup> Road**  
**Marseilles, IL. 61341**
- **Or, you may submit your application electronically:**
  - Visit [www.homeschoolerscubed.org/scholars](http://www.homeschoolerscubed.org/scholars) to access the online application. Note that applications must be submitted before **11:59pm CST** on the deadline date to be eligible.

You may NOT send any item separately or in a different way (example: part electronically, part mail) or there is a chance that it will get lost or arrive late. **The only item that should come separately from your application is your reference letters.**

## QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

We know that scholarships can get confusing so please don't hesitate to contact us with your questions! Please contact [scholars@homeschoolerscubed.org](mailto:scholars@homeschoolerscubed.org) and we will get back to you within 24-48 hours.

*Good Luck!*

**H<sup>3</sup>** Homeschoolers Helping Homeschoolers

*Community Scholars*



**H<sup>3</sup> Homeschoolers Helping Homeschoolers, NFP**  
**HOMESCHOOL COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS APPLICATION**



*PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE*

**APPLICANT INFORMATION:**

Name:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Email Address*:	Phone:	

Parent/Guardian Name:	Email*:
-----------------------	---------

\* Please make sure that your email is correct. This is how we will be contacting you

**ACADEMIC INFORMATION:**

Please fill in your GPA and initial where applicable. Please also fill out and attach the “transcript template form.” Transcripts will not be weighed heavily in the judging process and are just to ensure that you are a homeschool student in good standing.

*If you unschool: Please write “N/A” in the GPA Boxes and initial where applicable.*

Grade Point Average (GPA):	on a scale of:
<p>I, the <b>applicant</b>, certify that I am homeschooled in accordance with the laws and regulations of my home state. <i>(please initial)</i> _____</p> <p>I, the <b>parent/guardian of the applicant</b>, certify that the applicant is homeschooled in accordance with the laws and regulation of my home state. <i>(please initial)</i> _____</p>	

***Don't forget to attach the complete transcript worksheet!***

**APPLICANT'S FUTURE PLANS** (IF YOU'RE UNSURE, WRITE WHAT YOU ARE CONSIDERING)

School you will be attending:
Intended Course(s) of study (or major):

**OPTIONAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION** (COMPLETE IF DESIRED)

Preference will be given to students who are in financial need but ***all students are eligible and encouraged to apply*** – *this is not the only thing we are looking for.*

What is your Expected Family Contribution (EFC): \$

*Please use the number which was calculated on your FAFSA. If you did not apply for the FAFSA, please use this calculator: <http://www.finaid.org/calculators/finaidestimate.phtml>.*

**We understand the limitations of the EFC in calculating financial need – the EFC allows us to compare something across the board but more weight will be put on your financial situation explained below.**

Information you would like us to know about your financial situation (Limit 100 words):

I hereby certify that the financial information and situation disclosed above is true and accurate.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING 2 SECTIONS ON SEPARATE SHEETS OF PAPER AND ATTACH TO APPLICATION.*

**RESUME:** Please attach a resume outlining your volunteer activities, leadership roles, community involvement, & extracurricular activities. (No more than 3 single sided pages)

**ESSAY:** Please attach an essay of **no more than 375 words** outlining your long-term goals (academic & personal), how homeschooling has helped you on your academic journey, and how this scholarship will help achieve your academic goals. ***Feel free to be creative while still following the guidelines!*** If typing the essay, please use **12 point, Times New Roman** font, double spaced.

PLEASE PICK OUT TWO REFERENCES FROM COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO ARE FAMILIAR WITH YOU AND FILL IN CONTACT INFORMATION. PLEASE INCLUDE 1 FROM FOR EACH REFERENCE TYPE.

***Your family should not be serving as references***

***Reference(s) may be contacted at the discretion of the judging panel***

**Academic Skills Reference** *Someone who can attest to your academic skills - Can be a music instructor, co-op teacher, sports coach, debate instructor, even a Sunday school leader! The important thing is that they can attest to your academic and learning skills.*

Name of 1 <sup>st</sup> Reference:	
Phone:	Email:
Title:	
Company/Organization:	
Relationship to Applicant:	

**Character Reference** *(Someone who can attest to your good character)*

Name of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reference:	
Phone:	Email:
Title:	
Company/Organization:	
Relationship to Applicant:	

Please provide your references with their “reference evaluation form.” **Please do not attach letters to this application – they should be sent separately by each reference**

### **CERTIFICATION OF SCHOLARSHIP & MEDIA RELEASE**

*I hereby attest and affirm that to the best of my knowledge, all the information contained herein is true and accurate. I affirm that I am homeschooled and am eligible to apply for this scholarship. I also understand that even though I applied, I am not guaranteed a scholarship. I also agree to accept the judges’ decisions and I understand that all decisions are final. I grant Homeschoolers Helping Homeschoolers (H<sup>3</sup>) and/or its agents, assignees, and sponsoring companies the irrevocable permission to publicize my name and image in any/all scholarship related material including but not limited to winners announcements, scholarship promotion, media releases, and newspapers articles.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Parent or Guardian (if applicant is under 18):*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Transcript Template:

**Instructions:** We understand that each homeschooler has a different grading system, teaching system, etc. That's part of the reason why homeschooling is so great! Please fill out this template to the best of your ability but do not feel like you will be penalized because it doesn't fit a "standard" form. Each person is unique!

1. Check this box if you do not have standard grades to submit (unschooling, etc.) [  ]
2. Check this box if you are part of a graded co-op that graded assignments for you [  ]
3. Check this box if you are graduating earlier than 4 years [  ]

If you checked the box on number 1, please write a 4-6 sentence paragraph under each year on what you learned during that year. If you checked box 2, you can attach a transcript from your co-op instead of using this form. If you checked number 3, just write n/a under year 1. Otherwise, just complete the worksheet normally.

**Current Year:**

**Subject**

**Grade**

**Credit**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Year:**

**Subject**

**Grade**

**Credit**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Year:**  
**Subject**

**Grade**

**Credit**

**1<sup>st</sup> Year:**  
**Subject**

**Grade**

**Credit**

I certify that all of the information above and any transcripts that are attached are correct and are an accurate representation of my child's school work.

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

---

**YOUR COMPLETE SCHOLARSHIP SHOULD INCLUDE:**

- Completed & Signed Application
- Your Resume
- Your Essay
- Required Academic Information (as detailed in application)
- Completed Transcript Worksheet
- I've provided my references with the proper "reference evaluation form" and have reminded them that their forms are due by April 5<sup>th</sup>.



## ACADEMIC REFERENCE EVALUATION FORM

Thank you for agreeing to submit a reference! Please complete this form to the best of your ability. You may not substitute a letter for this form, however, if you have additional comments or need more space, please feel free to submit an attachment letter as well.

When you are finished, please email or mail the completed letter to us **before April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018**.  
**You should be the one to send it – applicants should not include these forms with their application.**

If submitting by mail, it can be sent to:

**Homeschool Community Scholars  
Attn: Reference Forms  
2877 E 2369<sup>th</sup> Road  
Marseilles, IL 61341**

If sending by email, send it to [scholars@homeschoolerscubed.org](mailto:scholars@homeschoolerscubed.org) with the **applicant's name** in the subject line.

**Applicant's Name:**

**Reference's Name:**

**Please rate how much you agree or disagree with each statement  
about the applicant's academic skills**

1 = disagree strongly    3 = neither agree nor disagree    5 = agree strongly    U = Unknown

	U	1	2	3	4	5
<i>"The applicant has a very strong work ethic"</i>						
<i>"The applicant loves learning"</i>						
<i>"The applicant has a passion for their chosen area of study"</i>						
<i>"The applicant is an independent problem solver"</i>						

**Please explain how you know the applicant:**

***What do you feel is the applicant's biggest strength when it comes to learning new things:***

***What do you feel is the applicant's biggest weakness? Why? Do you feel that they are making steps to get better in this area?***

***Do you have any other comments you would like to share?***

*Use the back of this page or attach a letter for additional comments*

Evaluator Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## CHARACTER REFERENCE EVALUATION FORM

Thank you for agreeing to submit a reference! Please complete this form to the best of your ability. You may not substitute a letter for this form, however, if you have additional comments or need more space, please feel free to submit an attachment letter as well.

When you are finished, please email or mail the completed letter to us **before April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018**.  
**You should be the one to send it – applicants should not include these forms with their application.**

If submitting by mail, it can be sent to:

**Homeschool Community Scholars  
Attn: Reference Forms  
2877 E 2369<sup>th</sup> Road  
Marseilles, IL 61341**

If sending by email, send it to [scholars@homeschoolerscubed.org](mailto:scholars@homeschoolerscubed.org) with the *applicant's name* in the subject line.

**Applicant's Name:**

**Reference's Name:**

***Please rate how much you agree or disagree with each statement about the applicant***

1 = disagree strongly    3 = neither agree nor disagree    5 = agree strongly    U = Unknown

	U	1	2	3	4	5
<b><i>"The applicant regularly gets involved in their community"</i></b>						
<b><i>"The applicant steps up to lead when they feel it is needed"</i></b>						
<b><i>"The applicant is a strong community member who will do well at college"</i></b>						
<b><i>"The applicant is an independent problem solver"</i></b>						

***Please explain how you know the applicant:***

***What do you feel is the applicant's biggest strength when it comes to learning new things:***

***What do you feel is the applicant's biggest weakness? Why? Do you feel that they are making steps to get better in this area?***

***Do you have any other comments you would like to share?***

*Use the back of this page or attach a letter for additional comments*

Evaluator Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_