



## Overview and Instructions

### “AFA Teens for Alzheimer’s Awareness College Scholarship”

As more and more families across America are affected by Alzheimer’s disease, many teenagers as well are becoming aware of this heartbreaking brain disease—from personal experiences in their own families, watching friends and neighbors, or involvement in community service.

Recognizing this, the Alzheimer’s Foundation of America (AFA), a national nonprofit organization, has created a division specifically for teens, AFA Teens. Its goals include raising awareness among teenagers and the general public about Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias; providing education, counseling and support to young family members; enabling teens to share feelings with other teens and experts; and referring teens and their family members to supportive services.

**In a further effort to provide an outlet for teenagers to express their thoughts about Alzheimer’s disease and to engage the younger generation in this cause, AFA is pleased to offer the AFA Teens for Alzheimer’s Awareness College Scholarship—an annual \$5,000 scholarship awarded to one deserving college-bound student, and \$500 and \$250 scholarships awarded to the first and second runner-up, respectively.**

The deadline for applications is February 15 of each year. This scholarship provides an excellent opportunity for college-bound students to give thoughtful consideration to the impact Alzheimer’s disease has on their own lives and others in their family and community. Students are required to submit an autobiography and write a 1,200 to 1,500 word essay that answers the following questions:

- How has Alzheimer’s disease changed or impacted your life?
- What have you learned about yourself, your family and/or your community in the face of coping with Alzheimer’s disease?

To qualify, a student must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident and must also *enter* a four-year accredited college or university within 12 months of the application deadline. Existing college students are not eligible to apply. A committee selected by AFA will judge all timely submissions. Author identity will remain anonymous during the judging. **Incomplete applications will not be accepted.**

AFA will award a \$5,000 scholarship to the grand-prize winner, a \$500 award to the first runner-up and a \$250 award to the second runner-up. AFA will require the social security number of each winner in order to process payment. On April 15, AFA will notify the grand prize winner and runners-up. AFA will provide scholarship payment to the winner and runners-up upon receipt of official documentation of registration from the college/university that he or she is attending in the following fall or spring (for example, sending a letter with proof of first semester’s payment from the registrar’s office). Should the scholarship winner fail to attend college within the stated time period, the scholarship will be given to the first runner-up (initial award will be deducted from the new payment).

To help inspire others, the winner and runners-up will agree to have his or her name and city published, will agree to have his or her essay published on the AFA Teens Web site—[www.afateens.org](http://www.afateens.org), will provide AFA with a photo to be used for publicity purposes and for distribution to the media, and will be available for interviews with the media if required. AFA will also retain the right to publish the essay of the winner and runners-up in care ADvantage magazine and allow media to publish selected excerpts.



## Checklist "AFA Teens for Alzheimer's Awareness College Scholarship"

Please print and review the checklist below to make sure that you meet all of the scholarship requirements and have included all necessary documents needed to qualify for the Alzheimer's Foundation of America (AFA) Teens for Alzheimer's Awareness College Scholarship.

### **Eligibility**

- United States citizenship or permanent residency
- Plan to enter an accredited four-year college/university within 12 months of the scholarship deadline
- Be currently enrolled in a public, independent, parochial, military, home-school or other high school in the United States (if not currently enrolled, please explain extenuating circumstances)
- Submit all required materials by the application deadline
- Winner and runners-up will be required to supply social security number in order to process scholarship awards

### **Requirements**

- One copy of completed and signed application form
- One copy of brief, typewritten autobiography (maximum 200 words or less) in essay format.
- One copy of United States birth certificate or passport, or permanent residency documentation (Note: driver's license is not acceptable)
- Two copies of essay (one copy of the essay with an attached title page with essay title, word count and applicant's name and address, and one copy without a title page): 1,200 to 1,500 word essay (typed, written in English, 12-point font, double-spaced, one-inch margins) that answers the following questions:
  - How has Alzheimer's disease changed or impacted your life?
  - What have you learned about yourself, your family and/or your community in the face of coping with Alzheimer's disease?
- One copy of most recent high school transcript **as issued by high school's guidance department** (if applicant is home-schooled, transcript must be notarized)
- Entire submission fastened with paper clip—one copy of application; two copies of essay (one with title page and one without); one copy of autobiography; one copy of birth certificate/ U.S. passport or permanent residency documentation; and transcript

**To qualify, materials must be submitted through AFA's online application ([www.afateens.org](http://www.afateens.org)) by midnight on February 15 or mailed and postmarked on or before February 15 to:**

**Alzheimer's Foundation of America  
322 Eighth Avenue, 7th Floor  
New York, NY 10001  
Attention: AFA Teens College Scholarship**

**FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS CLOSELY. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.**

Examples of applications that will be deemed incomplete and will not be considered:

- If all required materials are not postmarked by February 15 or submitted through AFA's online application form ([www.afateens.org](http://www.afateens.org)) prior to midnight on February 15, the application will be disqualified. The applicant is responsible to assure that all other materials being sent by others (i.e., transcripts) have also arrived by the same deadline. Applicants may need to request transcripts **very early** to assure timely delivery of their materials. If the due date falls on a holiday, recognize that the post office might be closed and that the postmark must still be no later than February 15.
- A piece of paper crafted by a student that lists grades is not considered a transcript issued by a guidance department and will be considered incomplete. All transcripts must be issued by high school guidance departments (for example, on high school letterhead, with official seal, etc.)
- All applications must be submitted via mail or through AFA's online application form; applications submitted by fax or e-mail will not be considered.
- All scholarship essays must meet the required word length of 1,200-1,500 words and must include the word count on the title page for the essay. Essays with word counts above or below this required length will not be considered. All scholarship essays must be double-spaced. Essays that are single-spaced, for example, will not be considered.
- The applicant's autobiography must describe the applicant in essay format. CVs and resumes will not be accepted.

*AFA is not responsible for any applications that are lost or damaged in the mail.*

Mailed applications must be postmarked by February 15. Applicants using AFA's on-line form ([www.afateens.org](http://www.afateens.org)) must submit by midnight February 15.

**Alzheimer's Foundation of America**  
322 Eighth Avenue, 7th Floor  
New York, NY 10001  
866.232.8484  
[www.alzfdn.org](http://www.alzfdn.org)



DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
MM/DD/YY

**GENERAL INFORMATION - Please print neatly and in black ink.**

**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number and Street Apartment

City State Zip

Home Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
MM/DD/YY

Current Grade \_\_\_\_\_

**FAMILY INFORMATION**

Parent/Guardian I:  Female  Male

Last Name First Name Relationship to Applicant

Home Address (Number and Street) Apartment City/State/Zip

Home Telephone E-mail

Parent/Guardian II:  Female  Male

Last Name First Name Relationship to Applicant

Home Address (Number and Street) Apartment City/State/Zip

Home Telephone E-mail

**CITIZENSHIP INFORMATION - An applicant must be a citizen or permanent resident of the U.S.**

U.S. Citizen  Permanent Resident (Country of citizenship) \_\_\_\_\_

**U.S. citizens must enclose a copy of their birth certificate or U.S. passport.  
Permanent residents must enclose a copy of their permanent residency documentation.  
NOTE: A driver's license is not acceptable.**

**CURRENT HIGH SCHOOL**

Public  Independent  Parochial  Military  Home-schooled

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Number and Street) City/State/Zip

If not currently enrolled, please explain extenuating circumstances.

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Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION INFORMATION

Graduation Date - Month: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of High School Principal: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Guidance Counselor: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

### COLLEGE ENTRY INFORMATION

College Entry Date - Month: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

**The following documentation must be included with this application:**  
(Please review the Scholarship Overview and Instructions, and Checklist for additional guidelines by visiting [www.afateens.org](http://www.afateens.org))

*1 copy of your scholarship application*

*1 copy of your typewritten essay with attached title page with your essay title, word count, name and address*

*1 copy of your typewritten essay without title page*

*1 copy of your brief, typewritten autobiography*

*1 copy of your most recent high school transcript as issued by high school's guidance department (if home-schooled transcript must be notarized)*

*U.S. citizens must enclose 1 copy of their birth certificate or U.S. passport*

*Permanent residents must enclose 1 copy of their permanent residency documentation*

Check here if transcript is being sent separately by guidance department (must be received by deadline for application to be considered complete)

## INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

*The winner and runners-up will agree to: supply his or her social security number; have his or her name and city published; have his or her essay published on the AFA Teens Web site; provide AFA with a photo to be used for publicity purposes and for distribution to the media; and be available for interviews with the media if required. AFA will also retain the right to publish the essay of the winner and runners-up in care ADvantage magazine and allow media to publish selected excerpts.*

*The applicant has carefully reviewed and adhered to all guidelines stated in the scholarship application and checklist.*

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

If under 18, name parent or guardian (printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_