



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 runners-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. On April 15, AFA will notify the grand prize winner and runners-up. AFA will require the winner and runners-up to provide their Social Security number and documentation verifying high school enrollment (i.e., official transcript) and U.S. citizenship (passport, birth certificate; driver’s license is not acceptable) in order to be named such and receive the scholarship. AFA will provide the 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, 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 *AD*vantAge magazine and allow media to publish selected excerpts. Non-compliance with any of these requirements will result in forfeiture of the title and award. The decision of the judges is final.



Checklist

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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
- In order to be named winner or runners-up and to process the scholarship award, the winner and runners-up will be required to supply his or her Social Security number, and submit proof of high school enrollment (i.e., official transcript) and U.S. citizenship (passport, birth certificate; driver’s license is not acceptable); and he or she subsequently must provide official documentation of registration from the college/university that he or she is attending in the following fall or spring in order to receive the scholarship monies

Requirements

- One copy of completed and signed application form
- One copy of brief, typewritten autobiography (maximum 200 words or less) in essay format
- 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, NOTE: online applicants must submit only one copy of essay with title page.)
- A 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?
- Entire submission fastened with paper clip—one copy of application; two copies of essay (one with title page and one without; only one copy of essay with title page for online applicants), and one copy of autobiography

To qualify, materials must be submitted through AFA’s online application (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) prior to midnight on February 15, the application will be disqualified. 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.
- 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 or via the online applications process. The decision of the judges is final.

Mailed applications must be postmarked by February 15. Applicants using AFA's on-line form (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



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) _____

NOTE: Winners will be required to provide documentation verifying U.S. citizenship prior to processing payment.

CURRENT HIGH SCHOOL

Public Independent Parochial Military Home-schooled

Name of School: _____ Current Grade: _____

Address (Number and Street) City/State/Zip

NOTE: Winners will be required to provide proof of high school enrollment prior to processing payment.

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)**

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 (not required of online applicants)

1 copy of your brief, typewritten autobiography

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

The winner and runners-up will agree to: supply his or her Social Security number; provide documentation verifying high school enrollment (i.e., official transcript) and U.S. citizenship (birth certificate, passport; driver's license not accepted); 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. Non-compliance with any of these requirements will result in forfeiture of the title and award.

Date _____

Name (printed) _____ Signature _____

If under 18, name parent or guardian (printed) _____

Signature _____