



SCHOLAR APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE EDUCATION IS YOUR PASSPORT PROGRAM

Giving Hope & Help-Education Is Your Passport Program is a program to provide educational and financial assistance for Pre-K thru Adult College Students. **This portion of the program is designed to benefit low income High School Senior Scholars;** providing the scholars with necessary tools needed to get to and through college while mentoring life skills for success and offering community service opportunities to meet needs and make a difference.

Qualifications for the Education Is Your Passport Program:

- High School Senior with a GPA of 2.5+ on a 4.0 Scale
- Submit a letter of recommendation from High School Counselor, Educational or Community Organization Leader
- Submit a letter of acceptance on official letterhead from a 4 year accredited college or university. (a clear copy of the letter is acceptable)
- Submit *Official* High school transcript
- Submit proof of LOW INCOME-*Attach Household W-2 from previous year or Household W-2 Transcript.*

Transcripts can be requested at: www.irs.gov/Individuals/Get-Transcript
(*Low Income Guidelines attached to application-Direct all inquiries to the IRS.*)

- Submit a 250-1,000 word Essay on a need(s) in your community and how you plan to give back to meet the needs(s) while in college and beyond to make a difference.

Awarded High School Scholars will receive:

- A brand new laptop computer to aid in educational success
- XL Twin Coordinated Bed-in-a Bag Set for the college dormitory
- Hygiene products, toiletries and school supplies based on donations
- Two special awards will be given: The Alexander Sr. & Cleo McCallop Giving Award and the Neoma Spearman Literacy Award.

- **Mentorship and educational/volunteer opportunities** throughout their college career via the Giving Hope & Help organization and partnerships with educational/community organizations.

The application is in a PDF format and the information can be saved in the document. This method is preferred over handwriting. The completed application can be submitted in two ways:

1. Scan all documentation and email to: donate@givinghopeandhelp.com
2. Mail to: Giving Hope & Help PO Box 2446-Lee's Summit, Missouri- 64063
Attn: Education Is Your Passport Program Scholarship Committee

Important Information:

- Accepting applications January 13, 2017 – April 30, 2017.
- Applications must complete and postmarked by April 30, 2017.
- Questions: Email Giving Hope & Help Inc. at: donate@givinghopeandhelp.com
- Scholar recipients will be notified of awards program location via email by 5/16/17.
- Scholars will receive the scholarship/awards at the June 16, 2017 Scholarship Awards Program and Fundraiser Banquet. Scholars are requested to arrive at 6pm. Program at 7pm.
- Scholars **MUST BE PRESENT** at the Scholarship Awards Program to receive awards.

Recipient Community Service Commitment:

- Giving Hope & Help is committed to meeting community needs and making a difference. Therefore, recipients are encouraged to make a commitment to serve the community as a Giving Hope & Help “Youth World Changer Volunteer” for 10 or more hours per calendar year until college graduation.
- Opportunities will be granted to scholars to serve the community while home on breaks and during the school year regardless of where the scholar attends college.

Giving Hope & Help reserves the right to partner with educational and community organizations for advancement of scholars and the program at large.

Giving Hope & Help is a 501c3 nonprofit organization that compassionately partners with other human service organizations, the community, businesses and individuals to meet needs and make a difference.



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