



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 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:

- **Mentorship and educational/volunteer opportunities** throughout their college career via the Giving Hope & Help organization and partnerships with educational/community organizations.
- XL Twin Coordinated Bed-in-a Bag Set for the college dormitory
- Laptop Computer to aid in educational success.

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 March 1- May 25, 2016.
- Applications must be postmarked by May 25, 2016.
- Questions: Email Giving Hope & Help Inc. at: donate@givinghopeandhelp.com
- Scholars will be notified of awards/banquet location via email by 6/25/16.
- Scholars will receive the gifts in July 2016, at the Scholarship Fundraiser/Awards Banquet.
- Scholars must be present at the Scholarship Fundraiser/Awards Banquet 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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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____		
STUDENT INFORMATION		
Date:	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy):	Social Security Number:
Telephone Number:	Email Address (print legibly):	
Street Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN INFORMATION		
Mother's Name (or Guardian) and Email:	Father's Name (or Guardian) and Email:	
Home Telephone Number:	Home Telephone Number:	
Mobile/Alternate Number:	Mobile/Alternate Number:	
Household Income (indicate with an "x") – Attach copy of previous year W-2 or W-2 Transcript *		
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* Request Transcript at www.irs.gov/Individuals/Get-Transcript		

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Applicant Name/Current High School:

School Street Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Guidance Counselor's Name:

Counselor's Telephone Number/Email:

Current GPA:

Weighted GPA (If applicable):

List of extracurricular activities (Add additional sheet if necessary):

Community Service/Involvement:

Scholarships, Honors and Awards Received (Add additional sheet if necessary):

College To Be Attended:

Planned College Major:

Signature of Applicant:

Signature of Parent or Guardian:

I agree that all information completed on this application and documents submitted are true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that application and submissions will be used for purposes of determination of admission to the Giving Hope & Help-Education Is Your Passport Program. I also understand that completion of application does not guarantee admission or benefits of the program.

Initial here to agree

Federal TRIO Programs

Current-Year Low-Income Levels

(Effective **January 28, 2015** until further notice)

Size of Family Unit	48 Contiguous States, D.C., and Outlying Jurisdictions	Alaska	Hawaii
1	\$17,655	\$22,080	\$20,325
2	\$23,895	\$29,880	\$27,495
3	\$30,135	\$37,680	\$34,665
4	\$36,375	\$45,480	\$41,835
5	\$42,615	\$53,280	\$49,005
6	\$48,855	\$61,080	\$56,175
7	\$55,095	\$68,880	\$63,345
8	\$61,335	\$76,680	\$70,515

For family units with more than eight members, add the following amount for each additional family member: \$6,240 for the 48 contiguous states, the District of Columbia and outlying jurisdictions; \$7,800 for Alaska; and \$7,170 for Hawaii.

The term "low-income individual" means an individual whose family's taxable income for the preceding year did not exceed 150 percent of the poverty level amount.

The figures shown under family income represent amounts equal to 150 percent of the family income levels established by the Census Bureau for determining poverty status. The poverty guidelines were published by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in the Federal Register on January 22, 2015.