



## **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 an 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](http://www.irs.gov/Individuals/Get-Transcript)  
(*Low Income Guidelines attached to application-Direct all inquiries to the IRS.*)
- Submit a 500-1,000 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
- Tote of Toiletries and school supplies based on donations
- Two \$500+ financial scholarship awards will be given: The Alexander Sr. & Cleo McCallop Giving Award and the Neoma Spearman Literacy Award.
- **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](mailto: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, 2018 – May 10, 2018.
- Applications must complete and postmarked by May 10, 2018.
- Questions: Email Giving Hope & Help Inc. at: [donate@givinghopeandhelp.com](mailto:donate@givinghopeandhelp.com)
- Scholarship recipients will be notified that received the award and program details via email by 5/21/18.
- Scholars will receive the scholarship/awards at the 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 “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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# Federal TRIO Programs

## Current-Year Low-Income Levels

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(Effective **January 18, 2018** until further notice)

Size of Family Unit	48 Contiguous States, D.C., and Outlying Jurisdictions	Alaska	Hawaii
1	\$18,210	\$22,770	\$20,940
2	\$24,690	\$30,870	\$28,395
3	\$31,170	\$38,970	\$35,850
4	\$37,650	\$47,070	\$43,305
5	\$44,130	\$55,170	\$50,760
6	\$50,610	\$63,270	\$58,215
7	\$57,090	\$71,370	\$65,670
8	\$63,570	\$79,470	\$73,125

For family units with more than eight members, add the following amount for each additional family member: \$6,480 for the 48 contiguous states, the District of Columbia and outlying jurisdictions; \$8,100 for Alaska; and \$7,455 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 18, 2018.