



The Ames Charitable Foundation Scholarship Fund, a nonprofit charitable foundation located in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania, announces the availability of scholarships for students who are dependent children of associates of The Ames Companies, Inc. in the continental United States, Garant in Quebec, Canada, and ATT Southern, Inc. for use in pursuit of education at post-secondary educational institutions.

Application materials are also located on the Ames Companies Inc. intranet. The Foundation for Enhancing Communities will administer the Ames Charitable Foundation Scholarship Fund, review applications, select recipients, and process awards.

DESCRIPTION

The purpose of the scholarship fund is to provide educational assistance to those high school graduates or the equivalent who show academic potential but because of their economic circumstances are not able to pay their total educational costs from personal or family resources and do not receive large government grants or other forms of direct financial aid sufficient to pay all educational costs. Recipients shall have graduated from a high school or the equivalent and shall desire to attend a post-high school educational institution, such as a college or university. The scholarship assistance is not intended for advanced degrees, such as a master's or doctorate degree. The scholarship will not be terminated merely because the recipient's parent or guardian has ceased to be employed by The Ames Companies, Inc. in the continental United States, Garant in Quebec, Canada, or ATT Southern, Inc. A student who withdraws from school for any reason will be expected to notify The Foundation for Enhancing Communities and refund any unused, refundable portion of the scholarship.

****Any current recipient of the Douglas E. Cochran/Ames Charitable Foundation Scholarship or future recipients of the Douglas E. Cochran Scholarship will not be eligible to receive an award from the Ames Charitable Foundation Scholarship Fund.**

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. Dependent children of associates of The Ames Companies, Inc. in the continental U.S., Garant in Quebec, Canada, or ATT Southern, Inc.
2. Attendance at a post-secondary educational institution
3. Academic achievement with a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
4. Leadership and community service
5. Financial need

HOW TO APPLY

The application process is online. [Click here](#) to access the online application.

If you are signing back in to complete your application, please [click here](#).

Before accessing the application, be prepared to attach the following items:

1. Other Scholarship Information: [Click here](#) to download the fill-in Word document that you should complete, save, and attach to your application.
2. Student Resume: [Click here](#) to download the fill-in Word document that you should complete, save, and attach to your application.
3. FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR): Please attach the report in its entirety. This report must include the Estimated Family Contribution (EFC). Please be aware that the SAR is **not** the same as the Summary Report. In addition to the SAR, you may also provide a letter with information you believe will be useful in determining your financial need (e.g., family and student income). Are there extenuating circumstances of which we should be aware? For example, illness in the family, loss of employment, or other relevant information?
4. Personal Essay: What has been your biggest life challenge and what did you learn from it? 300 words maximum, typewritten, 12 pt. font, double spaced.

The following requirements must be emailed to scholarshipapplications@tfec.org by your school's counseling office*:

1. *Official Transcript.* Home schooled students should submit a detailed grade report.
2. *School Counselor Form.* [Click here](#) to download the form.

The Recommenders Tab in the online application is used to request others attach the following items for you:

1. *Three (3) Personal Reference Letters.* At least one letter should be from a high school teacher on school letterhead. Letters from family members will not be accepted. **All reference letters must remain confidential.**

When prompted to "Notify Selected Recommenders," type a brief message that can be sent to all recommenders. When sent, your message will include a link for your recommender to use to upload their letter of reference. The application portal automatically generates this link; you will not provide it. Please inform your recommenders that they can expect an emailed request to come from mail@grantapplication.com.

SAMPLE MESSAGE: (You may copy & paste the message below, if convenient)

Subject: Letter of Reference Needed for Scholarship Application — YOUR NAME

Message: I am applying for the Ames Charitable Foundation Scholarship Fund through The Foundation for Enhancing Communities. Please use the link below to upload your letter of reference for me. Thank you!

**** YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION UNTIL ALL ITEMS HAVE BEEN ATTACHED (DOCUMENTS YOU PREPARED AND ALL REQUIRED LETTERS OF REFERENCE). YOU MUST LOG BACK IN TO YOUR APPLICATION BEFORE THE DEADLINE PASSES IN ORDER TO SUBMIT YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION. ****

RENEWABILITY

This scholarship will be renewed for the normal period of years required to complete the recipient's chosen educational program (up to a maximum of 4 years) provided that the recipient makes adequate progress toward completing his or her education, remains in good academic standing with a minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, and has continued financial need. Students must submit their transcript and tuition bill **each semester** to The Foundation in order for their scholarship to be renewed. In addition, each scholarship recipient will be expected to provide a report on his or her activities and progress to The Foundation on an annual basis, approximately one month after the end of the spring term.

Mail Official Transcript to:

The Foundation for Enhancing Communities
Ames Charitable Foundation Scholarship Fund
Attn: Thomas Bradley, Scholarship Associate
200 N. 3rd Street, 8th Floor
PO Box 678
Harrisburg, PA 17108-0678

OR

Email Official Transcript to:

scholarshipapplications@tfec.org
Thomas Bradley, Scholarship Associate

MATCHING AWARD OPPORTUNITIES

AES/PHEAA's PATH Program: Scholarship recipients are eligible to have their awards matched on a dollar-for-dollar basis by AES/PHEAA's *PATH ("Partnerships for Access to Higher Education") Program*. PHEAA may grant matching funds to scholarship recipients who are enrolled in an approved Pennsylvania college or career school as an undergraduate student on at least a half-time basis, who are a Pennsylvania state grant recipient and who demonstrate financial need. Students must also be a resident of Pennsylvania, not in default on any educational loans, maintain academic progress, and not be considered an incarcerated student. The match provides last-dollar support for tuition and fees. *Scholarship funds used for reimbursement of textbook purchases are not eligible for a PATH Program match.* The scholarship recipient's information is submitted to PHEAA by TFEC staff. No additional work will be asked of the scholarship recipient. For more information regarding AES/PHEAA, please refer to their website at www.pheaa.org.

***Current college students are not required to submit a School Counselor Form. Your college or university Official Transcript should be sent by mail or email directly from your college or university.**