



GIRL FRIENDS FUND, INC. SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Girl Friends Fund, Inc. (“The Fund”) brings dreams to life by providing scholarships and mentoring to high-achieving, African-American students who face significant financial obstacles in their path toward a college education.

The Fund provides awards of \$1,000 to \$1,500 annually for up to four academic years, depending on availability of funds, to qualified high school seniors who have been accepted to a four-year institution. The scholarship is renewable for four years, provided applicable academic requirements are met by the scholar. Our goal is to promote the academic achievement required to pursue careers including, but not limited to: Science, Technology, Engineering, Medicine, Law, Business, Education, and Creative Arts.

To be eligible for consideration, a scholarship applicant must:

- Be a United States Citizen, U.S. Nationals, or U.S. Permanent Resident
- Be accepted for undergraduate study at a four-year accredited institution of higher education
- Have a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 or above on a 4.3 scale
- ~~Have a minimum SAT score of 1200 or ACT score of 25~~ *Waived for 2023 applications*
- Not be related to a member of The Fund or The Girl Friends, Inc.

To be considered for a scholarship, a student must be nominated by a chapter of The Girl Friends®, Inc. Each chapter may nominate only one potential scholar. The Girl Friends Fund, Inc. (“The Fund”) assists potential scholars in connecting to their local chapter of The Girl Friends®, Inc. when needed.

GF Chapter Application Deadline Date: _____

GF Chapter Name: _____

GF Chapter Contact Person: _____

GF Chapter Contact Person’s Number: _____

GF Chapter Contact Person’s Email: _____



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APPLICATION CHECKLIST/ VERIFICATION DOCUMENTATION

<input type="checkbox"/> 1. Student Application which includes a 300-500 word personal essay. The original personal essay should cover the influences that helped to shape your life (which can include community service, extracurricular activities or a rigorous academic program) and your future career and personal goals.
<input type="checkbox"/> 2. Official School Transcript of grades, current cumulative GPA, and ACT/SAT scores with the school seal and signature. <i>Must be submitted in a signed sealed envelope or email the seal and signature copy in PDF format to the local GF Chapter Representative. Note this email must come directly from the administrator's official school email account only. Personal emails will not be accepted.</i> <i>ACT/SAT scores waived for 2023 applications</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> 3. Please submit up to four Letters of Recommendation as indicated below: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• REQUIRED Two (2) Letters of Recommendation:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ TEACHER LETTER - Highlights the student's academic achievements and academic activities including leadership roles, honors, and awards received or expect to receive within these achievements and activities.○ SCHOOL COUNSELOR LETTER - Highlights the student's preparation for post-secondary education; highlight their extracurricular clubs, sports teams, career related clubs, etc. and leadership roles, honors, and awards received or expect to receive within these activities.• OPTIONAL Two (2) Letters of Character Reference:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ COMMUNITY/VOLUNTEER SERVICE LETTER - Highlights the student's participation in your community service organization and projects; highlight their leadership roles, honors, and awards received or expect to receive within these activities.○ EMPLOYER LETTER OR SECOND COMMUNITY/VOLUNTEER SERVICE LETTER - for the Employer letter - Highlights the student's experience in the workforce as your employee; highlight any leadership roles, honors, and awards received or expect to receive within these experiences.
<input type="checkbox"/> 4. FAFSA Student Aid Report (<i>used for proof of citizenship & income verification</i>)
<input type="checkbox"/> 5. Headshot photo of applicant (<i>please submit in jpg format file size no larger than 300dpi</i>)

(ALL SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS MUST BE REMOVED FROM ALL DOCUMENTS)



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Applicant's Biographical Profile

Today's Date: _____

Student Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home phone number: _____ Cell/other phone number: _____
(include area code) (include area code)

Student's Email Address: _____

Are you a U.S. Citizen, U.S. National, U.S. Permanent Residence? (please select one) ____ Yes ____ No

Gender Identity: _____ Racial or Ethnic Identity: _____

Are you related to a present or past member of The Girl Friends, ® Inc.? (please select one)
____ Yes ____ No

Are you currently in Foster Care/ Ward of State? (please select one) ____ Yes ____ No

Student lives with: ____ Both Parents ____ Mother ____ Father ____ Legal Guardian
(please select one)

Number of students in the household attending college _____

Number in Household under the age of 18 _____ Expected Family Contribution (EFC): _____

***IF YOU LIVE WITH ONE PARENT/BOTH PARENTS COMPLETE PARENT SECTION
IF YOU LIVE WITH A GUARDIAN COMPLETE THE GUARDIAN SECTION***

PARENT SECTION

Father's Name: _____

Mother's Name: _____

Address (if different than student's)

Address (if different than student's)

City: _____

City: _____

State: _____

State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Zip Code: _____

Home phone number (if different than student's):
(include area code) _____

Home phone Number (if different than student's):
(include area code) _____

Cell/other phone number _____
(include area code)

Cell/other phone number _____
(include area code)

Father's email address: _____

Mother's email address: _____

GUARDIAN SECTION

Guardian's Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home phone number: _____ Cell/other phone number: _____
(include area code) *(include area code)*

Email Address: _____

COLLEGE PLANS AND HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Name of Student's High School: _____

High School Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number (include area code): _____

School Counselor's Name: _____

Phone Number (include area code): _____

Email Address: _____

QPA: _____ SAT Score: _____ ACT Score: _____

A minimum of a 3.0 QPA and a minimum score of 1200 SAT or 25 ACT are required to be eligible for this scholarship

1. In rank order, list and indicate ***all colleges/ universities*** to which you have applied and/or have been accepted to (e.g., Howard University (accepted), Ohio State University (applied), etc.):

2. What will be your major in college? What are your career goals and the highest degree you hope to achieve?

3. List any ***advanced placement or honors/special academic courses*** you have taken (please list most recent first):

4. List your *school-based extracurricular activities* (including academic clubs, extracurricular clubs, sports teams, career related clubs, etc.) Also, highlight your leadership roles, honors, and awards received or expect to receive within these activities:

5. List your *community service activities* (including career-based activities). Also, highlight your leadership roles, honors, and awards received or expect to receive within these activities:

6. List *employment/ career related activities* (internships/externships) (include your leadership roles, honors, and awards received or expect to receive within these activities):

ESSAY

Submit (in 300-500 words) an original personal essay about the influences that helped shape your life and how the Girlfriends Fund Scholarship will assist you in your college and career endeavors. The essay can include references to rigorous academics, extracurricular activities, community service, individuals who have influenced you, and your personal career goals and objectives.

MEDIA RELEASE & AUTHORIZATION STATEMENT

Please enter your name in the indicated space, sign and date authorization (both applicant and parent(s)/guardian(s)) below:

My parent(s)/guardian(s) and I, _____ (*please enter scholarship applicant name on line*) authorize The Girl Friends Fund, Inc., its officers, members, agents, employees, or other persons, including members of the external media, print and/or broadcast, authorized by The Girl Friends Fund, Inc., to interview me, produce motion sound, pictures, videotapes, or audiotapes of me based on either the photo submitted with this application or produced as described above for promotional purposes and/or to highlight the activities and accomplishments of its scholars.

My parents/guardians and I agree that the negatives, prints, videotapes, audiotapes, or computer graphics prepared there from may be used for promotional purposes of The Girl Friends Fund, Inc., including newspapers, magazines, web sites intranet, internet, television, billboard, displays, exhibits, audiovisual or multimedia presentations, kiosk imaging, radio broadcasts, and any other news, public service, or advertisement.

My parents/guardians and I further acknowledge that such use may occur at unspecified times after the date of this authorization. My parents/guardians and I acknowledge that any photograph, motion sound picture movies, videotape, or audiotape taken of me will become and remain the sole property of The Girl Friends Fund, Inc. and/or of the authorized print or broadcast media organization.

BY SIGNING BELOW:

- ✓ My parents/guardians and I agree to the above Media Release & Authorization Statement.
- ✓ My parents/guardians and I certify that the information contained in this application form and all submitted support documentation for the application process is accurate and complete.
- ✓ My parents/guardians and I understand and agree that falsification of information either by me or by others on my behalf will make me ineligible for consideration.
- ✓ My parents/guardians and I understand that doing so is equivalent to signing the application form using my parent's/guardian's and my electronic signature.
- ✓ My parents/guardians and I agree that these documents are legally binding according to the provisions given in the electronic signatures in global and national commerce act (also known as e-sign).

Applicant's Name (please print)

Applicant's Signature

Date

Parent's/Guardian's Name (please print)

Parent's/Guardian's Signature

Date