



SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

Two \$500 scholarships or two Tennis Teacher Certification scholarships shall be awarded to individuals attending a Vocational School, College or University, and/or a High School senior or graduate having been accepted to attend an institution of higher learning. The recipient will have to meet the criteria set by Venom Foundation, Inc. Consideration shall be given to the applicant who first meets the criteria qualifications, and preference among qualified applicants shall be given to those who show a greater interest giving extra time and service to the programs.

APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS:

- ❖ Must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.
- ❖ Complete a minimum of 150 volunteer hours in support of Venom events and/or program activities.

The volunteer opportunities are in the following areas:

- Helping with youth 10 and Under Tennis program
 - Teaching adult participants beginning tennis techniques
 - Event Planning
 - Fundraising
 - Mentoring youths in the areas of fitness and nutrition
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- ❖ Proof of attendance at an accredited University, College, or Vocational School. Applicant must be registered full-time for the semester or;
 - ❖ Must be a high school senior or graduate at time of application and must present an official document to the Foundation validating his or her acceptance to the school.
 - ❖ A completed, legible scholarship application form.

- ❖ One letter of reference from a current or past teacher or professor.
- ❖ Submit a 1-2-page essay.
- **THE ESSAY:** Write an ESSAY about why you deserve to receive an Award and/or Scholarship. Indicate your objectives. You may want to include information about your educational, career, and personal goals. Demonstrate your talent by writing about any special interests or special circumstances that you may wish the Foundation to consider. If you have information that's relevant to the Scholarship that shows a demonstrated financial need, employment need, family responsibilities, and/ or evidence of leadership, community service or other requirements, please address that specifically in your essay. **Only one (1) essay is needed; please do not write an essay for each scholarship you are applying for.** **ESSAY FORMAT:** Limit the essay to one or two pages. Use your NAME and ESSAY as the title. Triple-space after the title and Double-space the body of your essay and use 1" margins all around. (No extra documents such as pictures, resume, etc. are allowed.)

Electronic copy of essay only. Send to: jlowery@venomfoundationinc.org

Deadline: Within 5 days after application submission

SCORING CRITERIA:

Each component of the application will be graded on a scale 1-5.

- ❖ Grade Point Average
- ❖ Program Involvement
- ❖ Community Service Contributions
- ❖ School Involvement
- ❖ Essay
- ❖ Completion of Packet requirements
- ❖ Overall Presentation

If you select the \$500.00 scholarship option, the funds shall be paid directly to the institution. If you select the Tennis Teacher Certification, the fee shall be paid directly to the certification program.

APPLICATION FOR VENOM FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

City, State & Zip Code: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Technical, University, and/or High School you are attending

If Technical or University student, Degree being pursued:

If High School senior, College/Technical School Accepted to:

Planned Course of Study: _____

Grade Point Average: _____

School Involvement (clubs, sports, leadership positions, etc.)

Community Service contributions (include month/year and volunteer hours)

Other

I certify that to the best of my knowledge all information furnished in this application is true and complete.

Signature: _____

Please return this application to:

Venom Foundation Incorporated
Jerrell Lowery, Executive Director
PO Box 38042
Tallahassee, FL 32315