



THE GERALD A. FERGUSON STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

Overview

The Gerald A. Ferguson Student Scholarship Program was established in order to inspire Mainstreet youth to excel academically and take an active role in making their neighborhood a better place through community service and/or volunteerism. This year, one scholarship for \$1,500.00 will be offered to a high school senior living in the Mainstreet Community Subdivision. **The application deadline is Friday, 23 March 2018 by 5:00 p.m.** Late and/or incomplete applications will not be accepted. A certificate will also be awarded to the applicant who wins the scholarship at the Honor's Day Program at their respective school.

The scholarship funds will be disbursed to the successful candidate's college or university directly once the recipient has submitted verifiable proof of enrollment in a two-year or four-year post-secondary institution for summer semester 2018 or fall semester 2018. Proof of enrollment must be provided to the Scholarship Committee members or their assigned designee before the student's first semester of enrollment begins, but no later than Wednesday, May 2, 2018. Failure to submit this proof by the due date will result in forfeiture of the scholarship.

Candidates applying for the Gerald A. Ferguson Student Scholarship must meet the following criteria and be able to provide supporting documentation, if applicable:

1. Applicant's parent(s)/guardian(s) must be a current resident of the Mainstreet Community for a minimum of six consecutive months, and parent(s)/guardian(s) must be current with their mandatory Mainstreet monthly assessment for the last six consecutive months and throughout the entire application process.
2. A high school senior graduating in spring 2018 whose main residence is in Mainstreet, but he/she attends a school other than Redan High School, may apply for this scholarship. Redan High School seniors graduating in spring 2018, whose main residence is in Mainstreet, automatically qualify to apply.
3. Applicant must be enrolled in a two or four-year college program for the summer semester 2018 or fall semester 2018. Proof of enrollment is required.
4. Applicant must complete and submit the attached scholarship application form in its entirety and meet all application process deadlines.
5. At the time of completing the application, the student must have a minimum grade point average of 3.0. A current, sealed **official** transcript is due with the application packet.
6. Applicant must submit a current letter of recommendation from his/her high school administrator, teacher, or counselor.
7. Selected applicant must complete six hours of required community service or volunteer work in the Mainstreet Community upon acceptance of the scholarship award. Volunteer work could include, but is not limited to, Mainstreet event set-up and support, and/or assisting in the Mainstreet Clubhouse Administrative office.
8. Each applicant must complete the essay and interview steps (see below), and submit a completed application packet to the Mainstreet Clubhouse located at 5001 Mainstreet Park Drive, Stone Mountain, GA 30088, no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 23, 2018.

Essay and Interview Process

All candidates must participate in an essay writing and interview process. The essay topic is as follows: "What Opportunities for Youth are Available in the Mainstreet Community?" Essays must be no less than 400 words and must not exceed 410 words. All applicants will be given the same essay topic. Essays must be typed and edited prior to submission. Essays should reflect the writing style and standards of a rising college freshman. **The essay is due with the scholarship application form and other required documents no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 23, 2018.**

All applicants will undergo an oral interview with the scholarship committee at the Mainstreet Clubhouse. Applicants will be notified by telephone about their interview date and time. Professional dress is required for the interview, and applicants should arrive on time. The final candidate will be selected by Friday, April 20, 2018 and each applicant will be notified by mail of his/her status. If more details are needed and/or if you have questions, please contact Nadine Rivers-Johnson at 770-469-7238.



This box is to be completed by the Community Association Manager:

Date Received: _____

Deadline: March 23, 2018 by 5:00 p.m.

The Gerald A. Ferguson Student Scholarship Application Form

Name of Student: _____

Name of Parent(s)/Guardian(s) _____

Is the Mainstreet Monthly Assessment Current for the last six months (circle one)? yes no

Address: _____

Home Telephone Number: _____ Cell Phone Number: _____

How long have you lived in the Mainstreet Community? _____

Name of High School: _____ GPA: _____

Favorite Subject(s): _____

Favorite Book(s): _____

Hobbies and/or Interests: _____

Post-Secondary Institution(s) Where You Have Applied or Been Accepted: _____

Post-Secondary Major and Career Choice: _____

If selected, when are you available to complete your six required community volunteer hours? _____

Completed application packets are due no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 23, 2018. Late and incomplete application packets will not be accepted. Please bring completed application packets to the Mainstreet Clubhouse located at 5001 Mainstreet Park Drive, Stone Mountain, GA 30088. All completed applications must have the following documents:

Application Packet Documents	Due Date	Applicant should initial here if item is in the packet
Scholarship Application Form (Place on top of packet)	March 23, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.	
Official Transcript Verifying a 3.0 GPA	March 23, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.	
Recommendation Letter from High School Administrator, Teacher, or Counselor	March 23, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.	
Essay (Mandatory 400-410 Words; Typed)	March 23, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.	

Applicant's Signature: _____

Date: _____