

2011 Taxpayers Network Inc. Scholarship Program

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ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

The Taxpayers Network (TNI) is a non-profit social welfare organization founded in 1992 with the mission of educating its members and the general public about government and public policy. In addition to disseminating valuable information to the nation's policymakers, The Taxpayers Network conducts and publishes research with the goal of generating policy discussions in many issue areas, including:

- Government Programs and Expenditures
- Taxation
- Economic Prosperity
- Social Security and Retirement Programs
- Global Trade
- Education

The Taxpayers Network is an individual membership organization that has tens of thousands of members in over 40 states.

TAXPAYERS NETWORK INC., SCHOLARSHIPS GUIDELINES

1. This program is designed to provide education-related financial assistance to members of the Taxpayers Network Inc. Scholarships will be awarded only to active dues-paying standard members of the Taxpayers Network Inc., or a household relative of such a member. Termination of membership or reduction in membership status to a lower membership level prior to the dispersal of the scholarship award checks will result in disqualification.
2. The student must attend a four-year or two-year fully accredited college or university (unless otherwise specified) and carry at least 12 credits per semester. Second year renewals will be considered, however priority is given to first year students.
3. All applicants must complete and file the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**. The FAFSA can be completed through www.fafsa.ed.gov. A **Student Aid Report (SAR)** will be sent to you from the Department of Education as a result of the FAFSA filing. A copy of **all** pages of the **SAR must** be received at the Scholarships, Inc. office no later than **May 16, 2011** to be considered.
4. Awards are selected on the basis of:
 - Member or household relative of TNI member
 - Financial Need
 - Personal Statement/Essays
 - Community involvement
 - Work history
 - Course rigor – to have taken challenging classes, but not dependant on a high grade
 - First year students or already in college
5. The application form must be neat, legible and complete.
6. All information is held confidential. An anonymous screening committee will choose recipients.
7. Each award recipient must agree to provide their name, brief appreciation statement, and a personal photo for future promotional activities by the Taxpayers Network Inc.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

- **May 16, 2011:** Complete application package must be received by Scholarships, Inc.
Complete application package includes:
 1. Application
 2. High School Transcript (on a 4.0 scale), ACT or SAT Score, and College Transcript (where applicable)
 3. Student Aid Report (sent to you after filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid online)

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TNI Member Name: _____ **Relationship to Member:** _____

Personal Information

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Last **First** **M.I.**
Permanent Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ WI _____ County: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____

High School: _____ Counselor: _____

Family Information

Father's Name: _____ Mother's Name: _____

Employer: _____ Employer: _____

Who provides your financial support? Father Mother Self Other

Academic Plans

First College Choice: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Second College Choice: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Major or Field of Study: _____

Employment History

Employer 1: _____

Employment Dates: _____ Hours per Week: _____

Key Responsibilities: _____

Employer 2: _____

Employment Dates: _____ Hours per Week: _____

Key Responsibilities: _____

How do you plan to finance your education?

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Activities and Participation

Some scholarships are restricted to specific activities, sports, or future academic pursuits. In addition to listing the activity it is important for you to indicate if you have taken on a leadership role. You are limited to the number of spaces provided in each category; be sure to prioritize your list of top activities. Do not attach additional sheets for these activities.

	List Hours by Grade and Write Total of Hours in Last Column					
	List Leadership Role	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade	Total Hours
Community Service: (<i>Prioritize Top 9</i>)						
1.						
2.						
3.						
4.						
5.						
6.						
7.						
8.						
9.						
10 <i>Enter Remaining Community Service Hours by</i> Grade						
Extracurricular Activities: (<i>Prioritize Top 9</i>)	List Leadership Role	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade	Total Hours
1.						
2.						
3.						
4.						
5.						
6.						
7.						
8.						
9.						
10. <i>Enter Remaining Extracurricular Activity Hours</i> by Grade						
Sports: (<i>Prioritize Top 9</i>)	List Leadership Role	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade	Total Hours
1.						
2.						
3.						
4.						
5.						
6.						
7.						
8.						
9.						
10. <i>Enter Remaining Sport Activity Hours by Grade</i>						

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PERSONAL STATEMENT/ESSAYS

Your grades and accomplishment present one side of you. This section is designed for you to provide a more complete picture of who you are. You can describe successes and challenges in your life that have not been presented thus far. You must respond to questions 1 and 2. You must then choose 1 of the final 3 questions to complete. The response to each question should not exceed 250 words. Please include your name and address on your personal statement. *This part of the application is used as one of the MAJOR criteria. It is essential that you be concise and careful as you complete this section. Your responses will be evaluated on construction as well as clarity of thought.*

You must respond to questions 1 and 2.

1. Your greatest accomplishments to date.
2. Your future aspirations and goals.

You must choose 1 of the final 3 questions to complete.

3. If you could spend a day with any person (real or fictional, living or deceased), who would it be and what would you discuss?
4. Tell us how stepping outside your comfort zone has taken you on an unexpected path and changed your life.
5. Consider the effect you have had on a person(s), and discuss how they would describe you.

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FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION

Scholarships awarded through Scholarships, Inc. consider the student's financial need as part of the awarding criteria. Students must complete and file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Upon receipt of the Student Aid Report (SAR), which you will receive online after you submit the FAFSA, send a copy of all pages of the SAR to Scholarships, Inc. All pages must be received at the Scholarships, Inc. office no later than **May 16, 2011**. Do not send the FAFSA.

AUTHORIZATION

In submitting this application, I certify that the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. If requested, I agree to give proof of information I have given on this form. Falsification of information may result in termination of any scholarship granted. After scholarships are awarded, this application form becomes the property of Scholarships, Inc. If applicant is over the age of 18, parent's signature is not required.

Signature of Student

Date

Signature of Parent

Date

Return the completed application, including transcript and Student Aid report to the following address no later than May 16, 2011:

**Scholarships, Inc.
TNI Scholarship
2050 Riverside Drive
Green Bay, WI 54301**

Any questions regarding the application should be directed to the Scholarships, Inc. office at (920) 569-8411 or online at www.scholarshipsinc.org

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