

Night of Superstars/SCC* Scholarship Committee

Dallas 2023 Application Instruction Letter and Form

Date: September 2023

Congratulations Superstar!

You are continuing to grow and build an amazing future. We are already proud of all that you have accomplished and will accomplish. With that, the Night of Superstars/SCC* Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the open call for scholarship applications for Dallas 2023.

The Committee will be awarding up to four (4) scholarships during this application period. They are:

- The Inspiration Scholarship, \$2,500. Awarded to the highest score in the application period.
- The Perseverance Scholarship, \$2,250. Awarded to the second highest score in the application period.
- The Resilience Scholarship, \$2,000. Awarded to the third highest score in the application period.
- The Bravery Scholarship, \$1,750. Awarded to the fourth highest score in the application period.

To be considered for a scholarship, you must meet eligibility and complete the following:

- Scholarship Application Houston 2023
- Scholarship Short Answer Questions, prompts located in application
- Scholarship Essay, prompt located in application
- Letter of Recommendation, guidelines located in application

Scholarship applications for Dallas 2023 are due on or before September 30th at 11:59pm (central).

Scholarship package should be emailed as one complete package to scholarships@nightofsuperstars.org. You will receive an email confirmation that it was submitted.

IMPORTANT:

- Only fully completed applications will be considered. Be sure to verify that you have all elements of the application attached before submission.
- Only applications submitted to the proper channel listed above will be considered.
- If you do not receive a confirmation email (generally sent once per week during the open call period), please resubmit your application prior to the deadline.
- To promote fairness in the scholarship process, only questions that can be answered (at the committee's sole discretion) will be answered during the process. Requests to other members of the organization may disqualify applicant.

We wish you the very best of luck in this process and in your education/future goals.

Night of Superstars/SCC Scholarship Committee*

*Scholarships made available with the help of matching funds from Supporters of Children's Charities (Tax ID 75-2646732), Night of Superstars' host organization.

Please review Application Eligibility, Rules and Form completely prior to submission. Only complete and proper applications, adhering to the governing rules and requirements will be considered for awarding purposes.

Message from the Committee

The Night of Superstars/SCC* Scholarship Fund is for young adults striving to further their education, who are affected or afflicted by varying types of disabling conditions, yet reach far beyond their adversities, excelling in areas such as academics, athletics, and extracurricular activities, the arts and community service! We will accept applications for Colleges/Universities as well as Trade Schools, Performing Arts or Life Skill training courses.

We are excited to support this scholarship program for our Superstars and look forward to seeing each of you excel with your education.

Application Eligibility

Scholarship considerations are available to all individuals who have been:

Inducted into any one of the Dallas or East Texas Night of Superstars events prior to the application deadline (this year's inductees are not eligible until the next Dallas open call);

AND

Have completed a minimum of one (1) semester/term of their continuing education opportunity (i.e. college, university, trade school, performing arts training course and/or life skills training course);

AND

Applicant has not already been awarded a Night of Superstars/SCC* Scholarship within the previous four (4) years;

AND

Applicant currently has a 3.0 or higher GPA at a college or university;

OR

Applicant currently has a 3.0-similar scoring at trade school, performing arts training course or life skills training course.

Application Rules and Key Dates

Refer to criteria of eligibility above

A Superstar's "respective city" is determined by the Night of Superstars event in which they were inducted

Timeline of scholarship applications in this period:

The Dallas 2023 applications are accepted September 1st through 11:59pm (central) September 30th.

The review and awarding process begins October 1st, with Superstars being contacted by October 10th.

Superstars will be publicly announced at the Dallas Night of Superstars event on October 21, 2023. Please plan to attend if at all possible to thank our sponsors in person.

Application must be submitted to scholarships@nightofsuperstars.org and may be disqualified if submitted to any member of the Night of Superstars/SCC* Scholarship Committee directly or any other member of the Night of Superstars organization

You will be notified by the Night of Superstars/SCC* Scholarship Committee via email of the receipt of your application for consideration; unless you have received the confirmation, you should not assume we have received your application

Refer to the application for supporting documents (i.e. essay page, evidence of GPA, Teacher letter of recommendation, etc), as required

Type or print legibly

Do not alter the application form in any way

Superstar applicant's name and address will be blind to the voting members of the Night of Superstars/SCC* Scholarship Committee to assure that each will be graded fairly and for their merit

Applications do not include financial family income to be placed as a question or requirement and therefore, is not used in determining awardees

Superstars NOT chosen for an award during the current scholarship application period may reapply in the next open application period for the Superstar's respective city; no applications will carry over to the next open application period automatically

Any previous Night of Superstars/SCC* Scholarship awardee may reapply four (4) years after the award period for which the Superstar was awarded

Scholarship review and voting is done and made solely by the Night of Superstars/SCC* Scholarship Committee, not to include Night of Superstars Founder

All questions regarding the application and the scholarship process should be directed to scholarships@nightofsuperstars.org; do not delay on sending your request as extensions will not be made for scholarship deadlines

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Application Form

Superstar Applicant Full Name: _____

Superstar Address, City, State, Zip: _____

Superstar Email: _____

Superstar Phone: _____

Superstar Date of Birth: _____

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Eligibility Verification:

Superstar Induction City and Year: _____

Superstar has completed at least one (1) semester/term of their continuing education opportunity AND is currently enrolled in which of the following:

- College/University
- Trade School
- Performing Arts Training Course
- Life Skills Training Course

Name of Institution: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Institution Phone: _____

Contact Person at Institution (should we have questions when sending funds):

Contact Person's Phone/Email: _____

***Make sure that the five (5) items directly above are the INSTITUTION'S name, address and phone as well as the institution's contact person and contact information. This should NOT be the student's residence at the institution. The location above should be where scholarships should be sent, not just the generic institution address. This is very important and can cause delays of monies and/or forfeiture of the scholarship funds.**

What is the Superstar's account number at the institution above? _____

Is the student full time or part time at the institution above? _____

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What is the next semester (not current) that the student will be enrolled in the institution above? (example if it is fall, is their next semester winter or spring?) _____

Has Superstar been previously awarded a Night of Superstars/SCC* Scholarship?

- Yes If yes, when? _____
- No

Superstar currently has a verifiable 3.0 or higher GPA at a college or university OR has a verifiable 3.0-similar scoring at trade school, performing arts training course or life skills training course?

- Yes If yes, GPA? _____
- No If no, GPA? _____

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Superstar Parent Information (name, full address, email and phone) if Superstar is a minor or otherwise relies on parents for financial and educational decisions and support:

Parent Full Name: _____

Parent Address, City, State, Zip: _____

Parent Email: _____

Parent Phone: _____

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IMPORTANT: For short answer responses (150 words max), letter of recommendation (400 words max) and essay (500 words max), answers that go over the maximum word count may be cut off during voting or disallowed completely. Be sure to watch your word counts.

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Short Answer Responses (100-150 words each). Select two, and only two, prompts to respond to and attach to application:

What is your favorite quote and what does it mean to you and your life?

What is your proudest moment and why?

What one thing do you wish all humans knew and why would that be important?

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Long Answer Essay (250-500 words). The written (typed) essay should answer the question: 'why the Superstar should be considered for the scholarship'. If a written essay is not possible due to adversity preventing a written format, a video (mp4) essay (250-500 words) may be submitted and a transcript of essay included with application (provide link to video location for committee to view over at least 60 days).

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Required Attachments to Application:

Applicant is required to include a letter of recommendation from a current teacher or non-relative advocate (no more than 400 words)

Applicant is required to include a verification of their grade point average:

3.0 or higher GPA at a college or university

OR

3.0-similar scoring at trade school, performing arts training course or life skills training course

Be sure to double check everything and all attachments BEFORE submitting.

[End of application]