

GADAB FOUNDATION 2009-2010 GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP



Lending a hand for those in need

The Gadab Foundation Scholarship Program, established in 2006, is to assist currently enrolled Oromo Students in high schools as well as universities in Oromia (East Africa, Ethiopia). The Foundation is non-profit, non-political, and non-religious organization. The purpose is mainly educational and is aimed at providing financial and other aid in the form of scholarship awards to enable students obtain all necessary material and to meet requirements of their courses and to be able to complete their High School education and continue on to university. The Foundation wishes to help raise the level of student retention in the schools in the Oromia District. Consequently the Foundation encourages students to remain in school during the period of the scholarship until they achieve their academic goals. The Gadab Foundation award is competitive and makes this scholarship available only to aspiring, hardworking and deserving students with good school continuity record. Female students and students from disadvantaged parents or homes are encouraged to apply for the scholarship to cover their fees, supplies and other needs.

The primary objective of the Gadab Foundation Scholarship Program is to enable more Oromo students to enter and progress steadily through their higher education. It is also our goal to help Oromo students who have dropped out of higher institutions due to financial problems and wish to go back. The Foundation awards should influence every Oromos who live in North America as well as in other parts of the world, to support our foundation or initiate similar foundation that would assist Oromo students back home. Our philosophy is if all Oromo people in the diaspora recognize the value of education and support one Oromo student get to colleges/universities, the number of Oromo students in higher education will increase dramatically in a very short time, and will be a great contribution to the development of the Oromo community.

Students who want to enjoy this scholarship should be willing to go back and contribute to their community as well as to the society. We strongly believe in the new generation, and we also believe that it is our duty to create a way by which we can provide this new generation of students with whatever is necessary for them to acquire adequate education. Assisting these students financially and encouraging them to enroll in higher education would be the best thing that the Foundation wishes to contribute to Oromo citizens.

STOP! If you are a high school student, this scholarship is not for you. This is only for those who are in undergraduate program working towards finishing their bachelor degree or have already received their bachelor degree and seeking to be in masters or PhD program. If you are in high school and looking for undergraduate scholarship, please go to:
www.gadabfoundation.org/scholarship.html

ELIGIBILITY:

To be eligible for a Gadab Foundation Graduate Scholarship, applicants must:

- show a high level of achievement as demonstrated by superior grades and academically rigorous courses;
- demonstrate financial need;
- have the will to succeed in graduate program;
- demonstrate potential for making a significant contribution with the student's field and to Oromo society generally;

EVALUATION CRITERIA:

The GF scholarship award is made on a competitive basis. The scholarship committee places primary emphasis on the student's personal statement, recommendations, academic aptitude and achievement. In addition, demonstrated financial need is considered by the Committee in awarding this scholarship.

PERSONAL STATEMENT:

The Personal Statement is a very significant part of the scholarships rating process. The students have the option to write their personal statement in **English** or in **Afaan Oromo**. The personal statement should not be over four double-spaced typed pages.

AWARDS/CERTIFICATE:

Please attach copy of any academic honors or other special awards you have received in the past. If you have more than five awards, please only send a copy of the most recent ones.

APPLICATION FORM

To be considered for these awards, applicants should:

- Complete and submit the attached scholarship application
- Provide personal statement
- Provide copies of undergraduate and graduate official transcripts
- Provide copies of standardized test scores (if available)
- Provide copies of academic awards
- Submit three letters of recommendations (from three different instructors)
- Submit one set of the above materials to:

**Gadab Foundation Graduate Program
735 N. Fremont St. APT #A
Portland, OR 97227
USA**

Note: Your complete scholarship packet must be postmarked by **May 1, 2009**. Incomplete applications shall not be reviewed. Please make sure you go over the checklist before submitting your application. We wish good luck to all.

Please indicate how you learned about the Gadab Foundation Graduate Scholarship Program (check all that apply)

- Word of Mouth
- E-mail Announcement
- Friend
- Link on Another Webs Site
- GF Website
- Internet Search

Any scholarship related questions may be directed to the Gadab Foundation Graduate Scholarship Program at: graduate@gadabfoundation.org. For additional information please visit our website at: www.gadabfoundation.org

PERSONAL STATEMENT FORM

[The Personal Statement is a very important part of the scholarships rating process. You have an option to write your personal statement in **English** or in **Afaan Oromo**]

Attach a brief statement (up to four double-spaced typed pages maximum) in which you discuss your academic plans, your professional career aspirations, and the contribution you believe your field study can make to the Oromo society. Describe your educational background and objectives. Indicate your past academic and research accomplishments, as well as new projects that you plan to accomplish. We encourage you to describe important academic projects that demonstrate your creativity, originality, initiative and capacity for independent study and research.

RECOMMENDATION FORM

Name of scholarship applicant _____
(Last) *(First)*

Name of Respondent _____

Position and Department _____

Institution or Employer _____

Telephone Number _____

Email Address _____

To the respondent: The student who has requested your recommendation is applying for a Gadab Foundation Graduate Scholarship for the 2007-2008 academic year. The Selection Committee would appreciate receiving your judgment of the applicant. In particular, your impression of the candidate's academic record, preparation, and any other characteristics that you believe are related to her/his success in graduate school would be especially welcome. Indication of the candidate's financial need would also be helpful.

Please answer the following:

How long have you known the student? _____

In what capacity? _____

Compare to the other students you have taught or known at your institution; please rate the applicant on each characteristic.

Characteristic	Lower 50%	Upper 50%	Upper 25%	Upper 10%
Academic Ability	_____	_____	_____	_____
General Knowledge	_____	_____	_____	_____
Oral Expression Skills	_____	_____	_____	_____
Originality	_____	_____	_____	_____
Desire to Achieve	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ability to Work with Others	_____	_____	_____	_____
Leadership Skills	_____	_____	_____	_____
Independence and Initiative	_____	_____	_____	_____
Professional Commitment	_____	_____	_____	_____
Research Skills	_____	_____	_____	_____
Potential for Success	_____	_____	_____	_____

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Overall Evaluation: In no more than two typed pages, please comment on the student's overall academic ability and potential for academic success. We encourage you to describe important academic projects that demonstrate this student's creativity, originality, initiative and capacity for independent study.

Signature of Respondent _____ Date: _____

The Gadab Foundation Selection Committee is most grateful for your valuable help in selecting the best applicants for this award.