

Gadab Foundation Scholarship Program 2009 – 2010 Scholarship Application



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.

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ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

The applicant must fulfill the criteria established by the committee that includes the followings:

- Students must be an Oromo
- Must be graduating senior (12th grade) of Assassa High School
- Applicants should demonstrate academic achievement, exhibit leadership ability, participate in community service activities and demonstrate financial need.
- Must provide two letters of recommendations from two different teachers.
- Must have at least 3.4 grade point average (Average 90)
- Student should submit a complete application which includes
 - (i) An essay
 - (ii) Official transcript and
 - (iii) Two recommendation letters

AMOUNT

The amount of scholarship depends on the availability of the fund. But it is renewable up to four years as long as the students maintain good academic standing and continue contributing to the community by volunteering during summer.

SELECTION PROCESS

Applicants are evaluated by a selection committee. Decisions are based on GPA, class rank, essay, and letters of recommendation. The scholarship recipient selection will be made without regard to age, gender, religion and political beliefs or any others factor that could constitute to unfair discrimination with the exception of eligibility requirements set by the committee.

ESSAY

Please limit your essay to two three pages.

- 1) Why do you deserve this scholarship?
- 2) If you have the chance to change one thing regarding education in Oromia, what would it be and why?

AWARDS/CERTIFICATE

Attach a list of any extracurricular activities in which you currently participate or in which you have participated recently. Please list activities such as school clubs, sports, art, and student governments. Please also include any awards you have received from school or community.

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Name: _____

Grade: _____

Age: _____

Gender: Male Female

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone number: _____

Email address: _____

GPA: _____

Class rank: _____ out of _____

Submit application to: **Gadab Foundation**

735 N. Fremont St. APT #A

Portland, OR 97227

USA

Application Deadline: June 1, 2009

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Letter of Recommendations (please limit to one page)

The Gadab Foundation Scholarship committee would appreciate your evaluation (on a separate sheet of paper) on the applicant.

- (i) How long and in what capacity you have known the applicants
- (ii) Describe the applicant academic achievement and briefly describe his/her overall ability and potentials
- (iii) Please comment on the applicant's maturity and motivation

Teacher's Name: _____

School Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email address: _____

Signature: _____ Date _____

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Please attach:

- Copy of your official school transcripts.
- A two-page essay discussing about what you think would motivate other Oromo students to pursue higher education, describing your personal, academic and future goals.
- Two recommendation letters from teachers.
- List of your awards and school activities.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Please make sure you have completed the following steps when submitting your application.

I have:

- Attached academic transcripts
- Attached essay
- Attached two recommendation letters from teachers
- Attached list of awards, school activities etc...
- Sent my application packet to:

Gadab Foundation
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Portland, OR 97227
USA

Note: Your complete scholarship packet must be postmarked by June 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.

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