




AFA Teens for Alzheimer's Awareness College Scholarship

A \$5,000 scholarship for a deserving college-bound student
Annual deadline: February 15

Share your story...

Write an essay about how Alzheimer's disease has changed or impacted your life and what you have learned about yourself, your family and/or your community in the face of coping with Alzheimer's disease. 

For scholarship details and an application visit www.afateens.org.

AFA Teens is a branch of the Alzheimer's Foundation of America, a national nonprofit organization focused on providing optimal care to individuals with Alzheimer's disease and related illnesses, and their families. For more information, visit www.alzfdn.org or call 866-AFA-8484.

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Overview and Instructions

“AFA Teens for Alzheimer’s Awareness College Scholarship”

As more and more families across America are affected by Alzheimer's disease, many teenagers as well are becoming aware of this heartbreaking brain disease—from personal experiences in their own families, watching friends and neighbors, or involvement in community service.

Recognizing this, the Alzheimer's Foundation of America (AFA), a national nonprofit organization, has created a division specifically for teens, AFA Teens. Its goals include raising awareness among teenagers and the general public about Alzheimer's disease and related dementias; providing education, counseling and support to young family members; enabling teens to share feelings with other teens and experts; and referring teens and their family members to supportive services.

In a further effort to provide an outlet for teenagers to express their thoughts about Alzheimer's disease and to engage the younger generation in this cause, AFA is pleased to offer the AFA Teens for Alzheimer's Awareness College Scholarship—an annual \$5,000 scholarship awarded to one deserving college-bound student each year.

The deadline for applications is February 15 of each year. This scholarship provides an excellent opportunity for college-bound students to give thoughtful consideration to the impact Alzheimer's disease has on their own lives and others in their family and community. Students are required to submit a 200-word bio and write a 1,200 to 1,500 word essay that answers the following questions:

- How has Alzheimer's disease changed or impacted your life?
- What have you learned about yourself, your family and/or your community in the face of coping with Alzheimer's disease?

To qualify, students must be entering a four-year accredited college or university within 12 months of the application deadline.

An independent committee selected by AFA will judge all timely submissions. Author identity will remain anonymous during the judging. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

AFA will award the grand prize winner a \$5,000 scholarship to be used toward the first year of the student's college education. AFA will notify the grand prize winner, along with a first and second runner-up, on April 1. AFA will provide the scholarship payment upon receipt of official documentation of registration from the college/university that the student is attending in the following fall or spring (for example, sending a letter with proof of first semester's payment from the registrar's office). Should the scholarship winner fail to attend college within the stated time period, the scholarship will be given to the first runner-up. The two runners-up will receive a certificate of appreciation.

To help inspire others, the winner and runners-up will agree to have his or her name and city published, will agree to have their essays published on the AFA Teens Web site—www.afateens.org, will provide AFA with a photo to be used for publicity purposes and for distribution to the media, and will be available for interviews with the media if required. AFA will also retain the right to publish the winning essay in care ADvantage magazine and allow media to publish selected excerpts.



Checklist

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Please print and review the checklist below to make sure that you meet all of the scholarship requirements and have included all necessary documents needed to qualify for the Alzheimer’s Foundation of America (AFA) Teens for Alzheimer’s Awareness College Scholarship.

Eligibility

- United States citizenship or permanent residence
- Plan to enter an accredited four-year college/university within 12 months of the scholarship deadline
- Be currently enrolled in a public, independent, parochial, military or other high school in the United States (if not currently enrolled, please explain extenuating circumstances)
- Submit all required materials post-marked by the application deadline

Requirements

- Two copies of completed and signed application form
- Two copies of your United States birth certificate or permanent residency documentation
(Note: driver’s license is not acceptable)
- Two copies of biography (maximum 200 words, typed, written in English, 12-point font, double-spaced, one-inch margins, bio’s word count included)
- Two copies of official high school transcript
- Two copies of cover letter with essay title and applicant’s name and address
- Two copies of essay: 1,200 to 1,500 word essay (typed, written in English, 12-point font, double-spaced, one-inch margins, essay’s word count included) that answers the following questions:
 - How has Alzheimer’s disease changed or impacted your life?
 - What have you learned about yourself, your family and/or your community in the face of coping with Alzheimer’s disease?
- Entire submission (two copies each of application, birth certificate, biography, transcript, cover letter, essay) fastened with paper clip

To qualify, materials must be mailed and postmarked on or before February 15 to:

Alzheimer’s Foundation of America
322 Eighth Avenue, 7th Floor
New York, NY 10001
Attention: AFA Teens College Scholarship

We will notify you that we have received your application. If you are notified that your application is incomplete, please contact us at info@afateens.org or 866.AFA.8484 for more information. To resubmit a complete application for consideration, it must be postmarked on or before February 15.

We encourage all applicants to learn more about Alzheimer’s disease and related illnesses at www.afateens.org and www.alzfdn.org. For additional information, please contact 866.AFA.8484 or info@afateens.org.

**MUST BE POSTMARKED ON
OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 15**

Alzheimer's Foundation of America
322 Eighth Avenue, 7th Floor
New York, NY 10001
866.232.8484
www.alzfdn.org



DATE: _____
MM/DD/YY

GENERAL INFORMATION - Please print neatly and in black ink.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant's Name: _____ <small>Last First Middle</small>	Male _____ Female _____
Home Address: _____ <small>Number and Street Apartment</small>	Date of Birth _____ <small>MM/DD/YY</small>
City _____ State _____ Zip _____	SS# _____
Home Telephone: (____) _____ Cell phone: (____) _____	Current Grade _____
E-Mail: _____	

FAMILY INFORMATION

Parent/Guardian I: Female Male

Last Name _____	First Name _____	Relationship to Applicant _____
Home Address (Number and Street) _____	Apartment _____	City / State / Zip _____
Home Telephone _____	Email _____	

Parent/Guardian II: Female Male

Last Name _____	First Name _____	Relationship to Applicant _____
Home Address (Number and Street) _____	Apartment _____	City / State / Zip _____
Home Telephone _____	Email _____	

CITIZENSHIP INFORMATION - An applicant must be a citizen or permanent resident of the U.S.

U.S. Citizen Permanent Resident (Country of Citizenship) _____

**U.S. citizens must enclose a copy of their birth certificate.
Permanent residents must enclose a copy of their permanent residency documentation.
NOTE: A driver's license is not acceptable.**

CURRENT HIGH SCHOOL

Public Independent Parochial Military Other _____

Name of School: _____ Current Grade: _____

Address (Number and Street) _____ City / State / Zip _____

If not currently enrolled, please explain extenuating circumstances.

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Applicant's Name: _____ Social Security #: _____

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION INFORMATION

Graduation Date - Month: _____ Year: _____

Name of High School Principal: _____ Phone #: _____

Name of Guidance Counselor: _____ Phone #: _____

COLLEGE ENTRY INFORMATION

College Entry Date - Month: _____ Year: _____

The following documentation must be included with this application:

- 2 copies of scholarship application
- 2 copies of cover letter with your essay title and name and address
- 2 copies of your typewritten essay
- 2 copies of your typewritten biography
- 2 copies of your high school transcript
- U.S. citizens must enclose 2 copies of their birth certificate
- Permanent residents must enclose 2 copies of their permanent residency documentation

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

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Date _____

Name (printed) _____ Signature _____

If under 18, name parent or guardian (printed) _____

Signature _____



November 3, 2008

Dear Friend,

As more families across America are affected by Alzheimer's disease, many teenagers as well are becoming aware of this heartbreaking brain disease—from personal experiences in their own families, watching friends and neighbors, or involvement in community service.

Recognizing this, the Alzheimer's Foundation of America (AFA), a national nonprofit organization, has created a division specifically for teens, AFA Teens. Its goals include raising awareness about Alzheimer's disease and related dementias; providing education and support to young family members; and enabling teens to share feelings with peers and experts. We also encourage teens to set up chapters nationwide—a rewarding volunteer effort.

We are seeking your assistance in helping teens and other education professionals learn about AFA Teens and the AFA Teens for Alzheimer's Awareness College Scholarship.

AFA Teens Alzheimer's Awareness College Scholarship: AFA offers an annual \$5,000 scholarship to one deserving college-bound student, with an application deadline of February 15. The intent of this competition is to provide an opportunity for graduating high school students to give thoughtful consideration to the impact Alzheimer's disease has on their own lives and others in their family and community. Last year was the first year of the AFA Teens scholarship, and AFA was pleasantly surprised by the hundreds of applications we received. The winning essays, and others, were both insightful and compelling.

AFA Teens Chapters: AFA offers ample opportunities for teens to raise awareness in their communities and extend AFA's network of support through the formation of AFA Teens chapters. Chapters can be formed as an offshoot to school clubs and honor societies, local youth organizations, houses of worship, etc., and AFA collaborates with each chapter to best serve the community's needs. We also offer an e-Newsletter for teens.

We would appreciate your help in publicizing AFA Teens and the AFA Teens for Alzheimer's Awareness College Scholarship in your counseling office, and in your newsletters, on your Web site, via E-mail or in other communications with your students and colleagues. Please feel free to duplicate and send out the enclosed information. Also, we ask that you encourage teens, as well as faculty advisors, to start an AFA chapter and participate in the group's bulletin board on its Web site.

We hope that you will help us reach out to teens nationwide and let them know about these great opportunities. As well, we invite you to visit www.afateens.org and www.alzfdn.org to learn more about AFA's care-oriented mission, as well as AFA Teens and our other national initiatives. Please contact Jessie Osborne, the coordinator of AFA Teens, at 866-AFA-8484 or josborne@alzfdn.org if you have questions or would like more information.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to your participation.

Best Regards,

Eric J. Hall
President and Chief Executive Officer