



Alan R. Epstein 'Reach for the Stars' Scholarship Fund

Deadline: Friday, April 14, 2017 at 4 p.m.

History

The Epstein family established the Alan R. Epstein 'Reach for the Stars' Scholarship to honor the life of an outstanding young man who was tragically killed in an automobile accident. Scholarships are awarded to students who have overcome life's obstacles.

Deadline

Applications must be submitted online by **Friday, April 14, 2017 at 4 p.m.**

Applicants must submit an application via the Foundation's online grants application portal. To access the online portal, please visit the [Scholarships](#) page on our website and carefully review the registration instructions.

If an application is missing information, our office will not inform the applicant nor review the application. Mailed or faxed applications will not be accepted.

Eligibility

In order to qualify, applicants must:

- Be a high school senior graduating in June 2017
- Be accepted to a college or university and present a copy of the acceptance letter(s) with this application

Selection Criteria

A Scholarship Advisory Committee will review and rate the applications and make final decisions on scholarship awards. The following elements will be considered in evaluating applicants. Please review these guidelines carefully to see descriptions of each of these items:

- Alan R. Epstein 'Reach for the Stars' Scholarship Statement that describe circumstances related to your family's financial status
- Personal Statement/ Essay about personal obstacles and their positive impact on your life
- Volunteer/ Work Experience and School Activities
- Letters of Recommendation
- College Acceptance Letters
- Official Transcript



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This is a template of the online application. You can use this as a worksheet to gather the information you will provide online. To submit your application, go to miamifoundation.org/scholarships and select this scholarship. **Mailed and faxed applications will not be accepted.**

Name of High School currently attending: _____

Personal and College Information

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|--|--------------------|---|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Student/Applicant First Name: _____ | Middle Name: _____ | Last Name: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Male | <input type="checkbox"/> Female |
| Address: _____ | | | | |
| Home Phone: _____ | | Mobile Phone: _____ | | |
| Email: _____ | | | | |
| Date of Birth: _____ | | Last Four Digits of Social Security Number: _____ | | |
| College or University that you plan to attend: _____ | | | | |
| Proposed Major: _____ | | | | |

Father's Information (please check ____ if deceased)

Name _____ Home Address (if different) _____
 _____ Home Telephone # _____ Work# _____

Mother's Information (please check ____ if deceased)

Name _____ Home Address (if different) _____
 _____ Home Telephone # _____ Work # _____

Guardian Information (if applicable)

Name _____ Home Address (if different) _____
 _____ Home Telephone # _____ Work # _____

Siblings

| Name | Age | Educational Background/College | Occupation |
|-------|-------|--------------------------------|------------|
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

High School Information

Telephone # _____ Fax # _____
 High School Graduation Date _____, 2017.
 Current weighted GPA _____
 Current unweighted GPA _____



Financial Need

Please provide your family’s estimated combined annual income: \$ _____

Household Size: Adults _____ Children (under 18) _____

Number of household members who will be enrolled in higher education (at least halftime – 6 credits) in fall 2017 (include yourself): _____

Alan R. Epstein ‘Reach for the Stars’ Scholarship Statement (1500 online character limit, including spaces):

Describe any circumstances related to your family’s financial status which would give the scholarship committee a better understanding of the importance of the Alan R. Epstein ‘Reach for the Stars’ Scholarship and what sets you apart from other applicants.

School and Volunteer Activities (1000 online character limit, including spaces): Please describe (in chronological order) the school activities and volunteer service activities you have been involved in while attending high school.

Work Experience (750 online character limit, including spaces): Please describe (in chronological order) any work experience you have had while attending high school.

Required attachments to be uploaded online:

- **Personal Statement/Essay Attachment:** Please provide a personal statement of no more than 2 typed pages describing circumstances that make you eligible for this scholarship such as obstacles or hardships that you have encountered and how you have dealt with them paying particular attention to how this negative experience (disability, illness, failure, etc.) has had a positive impact on your life.
- **Letters of Recommendation:** On letterhead stationery, please submit **two** letters of recommendation from teacher/faculty members who have been involved in your high school education and from a member of the community whom you have worked with. Please include the nature and quality of the applicant’s academic work, intellectual depth or breadth, character, and personal qualities. Do not send the letters separately. **Applicant will need to upload the two letters as a single PDF document.**
- **College Acceptance Letters(s)**
- **Official High School Transcript:** Please upload an official transcript **as a single PDF**. Do not send the transcript separately. Downloaded grades from the internet (unofficial transcripts) will not be accepted.

Permissions:

I give permission to have my essays published. Yes or No

I give permission to have my essay published, but want my name to be anonymous. Yes or No

Certification: In submitting the online application you certify the following:

I certify that all the information on this form is true and complete to the best of my/our knowledge. If asked by any authorized official of The Miami Foundation, I agree to give documentation for information given on this form. I realize that this proof may include a copy of a U.S. tax return and/or state income tax return. I realize that failure to comply with a request for further information may prevent the applicant from being considered. I understand that the financial information will be confidential, for review solely by The Miami Foundation.