



Official 2010 FiSCA Scholarship Application



FINANCIAL SERVICE CENTERS OF AMERICA, INC.
A NATIONAL TRADE ASSOCIATION

Program Guidelines

Financial Service Centers of America, Inc. (FISCA) believes education is the key to America's future and these scholarships will help unlock brighter futures for deserving and dedicated students.

What is the Financial Service Centers of America, Inc. (FISCA)?

FISCA, established in 1986, represents an estimated 7,000 financial service centers in the U.S. and is the leading voice for the industry on regulatory, compliance and political issues. The professional financial services industry cashes an estimated 160 million checks annually, with an aggregate face value of \$55 billion.

What Kind of Scholarships is FISCA Offering?

FISCA will award a minimum cash grant of \$2,000 for the freshman year of study to at least two (2) outstanding collegebound high school seniors, from each of the five geographic regions across the nation, using leadership skills in both school and local community and academic achievement as the criteria to identify winners.

Who Can Apply For The Scholarships?

The FISCA Scholarship Program is only offered to college-bound high school seniors. You must be a U.S. citizen, national, or permanent resident.

The following is a list of the eligible states divided into regions. Please check the region that contains your state.

___ **EAST:** Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

___ **SOUTHEAST:** Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas and Tennessee.

___ **MIDWEST I:** Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and Nebraska.

___ **MIDWEST II:** Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky, Indiana, Missouri and Kansas

___ **SOUTHWEST:** Utah, Colorado, Arizona, Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico.

___ **WEST:** Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Alaska and Hawaii.

Who is not eligible?

The Scholarship Program is not accepting applications from:

- Candidates already in college.
- Children or grandchildren of employees, officers or owners of FISCA Financial Services locations.

What's the Process?

1. Complete the entire application with pen.
2. You can also key on the form directly and print it out.
3. Send fully-completed application to Regional Chairman.
4. It must be postmarked no later than April 26, 2010.
5. First place winners will be selected by committees in each region.
6. Winners must provide proof of acceptance to a two-or-four year college or university in the U.S.
7. Only winners will be notified by mail. You can use the freshman year scholarship award to pay for tuition, fees, books, and/or other educational expenses.

Mail your application

Please send your completed application to the appropriate Regional Chairman:

East: Richard Klein
Garden State Check Cashing Service, Inc.
359 Long Avenue
Hillside, NJ 07205

Southeast: Joseph Doyle
Check Cashing USA
899 NW 37th Avenue
Miami, FL 33125

Midwest I: Martin Lieberman
Central Clearing Company
1933 Egerton Court
Woodridge, IL 60517

Midwest II: Pagle Helterbrand
CheckSmart
7001 Post Road, Suite 200
Dublin, OH 43016

Southwest: Eric Norrington
ACE Cash Express
1231 Greenway Drive, Suite 600
Irving, TX 75038

West: Rick Lake
California Check Cashing Stores, LLC
1956 Webster Street, Suite 200
Oakland, CA 94612

Your application will be reviewed by your regional committee.

Application checklist: The following is a list of guidelines to help ensure that you have completed the entire application process.

1. Fill out the entire application form.
2. Obtain an official high school transcript which includes your first semester senior year grades and your test scores.
3. Please remember to include two letters of recommendation: one from your community service organization, and one from your school. Be sure to include a description of your community service activities.
And, don't forget your essay!
4. Send your completed application to your Regional Chairman.
5. Applications must be postmarked by April 26, 2010 to be considered. Winners will be notified by June 19, 2010.

Your application must be postmarked by April 26, 2010. Incomplete applications will not be considered. You must include your essay, high school transcript, two letters of recommendation, and a brief summary from the community organization detailing your community involvement. If you need more space, you may attach separate sheets, but be sure to include your name, address and region on each page.

List all community-related activities (i.e., charity or volunteer work).

List any and all other scholarships that you have received to date. (Please include amount of grant awarded).

- Please enclose any other pertinent information on your community involvement (i.e., newspaper articles, letters of reference, etc.).
- Essay in 200 words or less (on separate sheet):
“PROFILE A PERSON OR EVENT THAT HAS INFLUENCED YOU, AND EXPLAIN HOW THIS HAS MADE AN IMPACT ON YOUR LIFE!”

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Name of persons furnishing letters of recommendations:

1. _____ (Community Service Activity)
Relationship _____

I recommend this student for consideration for a FiSCA Scholarship X _____

2. _____ (School Related Activity)
Relationship _____

I recommend this student for consideration for a FiSCA Scholarship X _____

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CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY SERVICE*

APPLICANT'S NAME: _____

ORGANIZATION NAME: _____

HOURS OF SERVICE: _____

DIRECTOR SIGNATURE: _____

COORDINATOR SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

*PLEASE COPY THIS DOCUMENT IF MORE THAN ONE ORGANIZATION.