

September 9, 2011

College Counselor
Manasquan High School
167 Broad St.
Manasquan, NJ 08736-2857

Dear College Counselor,

We would like to invite students from your school to participate in the 2012 Horatio Alger Association Scholarship Programs.

Since 1984, the Horatio Alger Association has awarded over \$70 million in college scholarships to deserving students. Through nationally recognized educational programs, the Association reaches out directly to our nation's young people with a message of hope, opportunity, responsibility, and perseverance.

In keeping with the educational mission of the Horatio Alger Association, the scholarship programs provide financial assistance to students throughout the nation who have financial need and have exhibited integrity and perseverance in overcoming personal adversity. **Scholarship criteria also include high school graduation in spring/summer of 2012**, commitment to pursue and complete a bachelor's degree, and United States citizenship. The scholarships are given to deserving students each year and range in award value from \$2,500 to \$20,000.

To participate in the scholarship program, we ask that you place the enclosed poster in a prominent location at your school. The poster directs students to submit an online application at www.horatioalger.com/scholarships. Students may apply August 1 – October 30, 2011.

We do not show record of any students from your high school receiving a Horatio Alger Scholarship since the beginning of our scholarship program in 1984. It is our hope that this year one or more of your students would apply and have the opportunity to be selected as one of our scholarship recipients.

IMPORTANT: In order for an application to be considered complete the applicant's counselor must complete a certifications form online. To access this form please use the information provided below. Please make sure to provide the link and passcode to all high school counselors at your school. **NOTE:** An applicant must complete the Academic Information and Adversity Section of the application before their name will appear on the certifications form list online for counselors to complete.

To Access the Online Certifications Form visit: www.horatioalger.org/scholarships/certificationsform.
Passcode: 745NJ310

If you have a student who is not able to complete the application online, please contact the Association at HoratioAlger@act.org

We look forward to receiving applications from your students as we seek to recognize outstanding young people.

Sincerely,



Terrence J. Giroux
Executive Director

2012 Horatio Alger Scholarship Application Information

The Horatio Alger Association seeks to assist students who have demonstrated integrity, perseverance in overcoming adversity, strength of character, financial need, a good academic record, commitment to pursue a college education, and a desire to contribute to society.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The eligibility criteria to be considered for all Horatio Alger National and State Scholarship Programs are as follows:

- ◆ Enrolled full time as a high school senior, progressing normally toward graduation in spring/summer of 2012, with plans to enter a college in the United States no later than the fall following graduation
- ◆ A strong commitment to pursuing and completing a **bachelor's degree** at an accredited institution (students may start their studies at a two-year institution and then transfer to a four-year institution)
- ◆ Critical financial need, preferably \$50,000 or lower adjusted gross income per family
- ◆ Involvement in co-curricular and community service activities
- ◆ Minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0
- ◆ United States citizenship

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

To apply for the Horatio Alger Scholarship Programs, the following items must be completed **by October 30, 2011**:

- ◆ Students must submit an online application at www.horatioalger.org/scholarships.
- ◆ Students must submit one letter of support. The letter of support should be from an adult who understands your adversity and can describe the unique circumstances in your life. **This form must be filled out online.**
- ◆ All applicants must complete the Academic Information section and Adversity section in order for the online Certification Form to be accessed by your counselor. A login will be emailed to your counselor and they will be required to complete the Certifications form online once these two sections are complete. (Please notify your counselor that they will receive an email from the Association providing instructions for how to complete the certifications form online).
- ◆ Students must submit a copy of their official high school transcript. You have the option to either upload a transcript through the application or send it via mail.
- ◆ All applicants must submit a copy of **only** the front page of their parent/guardian's federal tax return (1040, 1040A, 1040 EZ or 1099 SSA-Social Security form) for 2010 in order to verify income stated on application. If your parents were not required to file a tax return, include statement copies of any government benefits, such as food stamps or Public Assistance documents.
- ◆ All applicants are required to submit a cover sheet with their income verification information (available online).

Please mail all supporting documents to the following address:

Horatio Alger Scholarship Programs
PO Box 4030
Iowa City, IA 52243-4030
Phone (866) 763-9228

