



## **SERVICE LEAGUE OF HICKORY SCHOLARSHIP 2012 Student Application Information**

**The Scholarship:** The Service League of Hickory, NC Scholarship Committee coordinates the application, selection and administration of the Scholarship and Merit Award programs. Both were designed to provide financially challenged Catawba County high school graduates assistance in attending the college of their choice.

In spring 2012, one (1) \$10,000 (\$2,500/year for four years) scholarship will be awarded from the Scholarship Endowment Fund. Additional monies may become available for one or more Merit Award Scholarship/s. Both endowment funds grow annually through donations, honorariums and memorial gifts.

**Eligibility:** Scholarships are awarded based on the following criteria:

- (1) **Financial need\*(40 points)**, based on family income plus any special circumstances or unique situations (job loss, illness, single parent, long-term disability, etc.) \*Do not submit an application if your combined family income is \$60,000 or more (unless there are extenuating circumstances)
- (2) **Academic excellence (30 points)** – based on GPA, class rank, SAT scores, and completion of AP, IB and/or Honor courses
- (3) **Leadership (20 points)** – including community volunteer work, school activities and/or church involvement
- (4) **Work ethic (10 points)** – shown in volunteer and paid jobs (held full/part-time during summer and after school)

### **Application Requirements:**

Application must be completed and turned into your school's Guidance Department by **Friday, March 9**, accompanied by the following items:

1. A resume including a listing of any/all activities and employment
2. A list of all colleges (applied to) and current admission status
3. A full copy of high school transcript along with SAT scores, class rank and GPA
4. Two (2) letters of recommendation - one from a high school teacher and another from a non-relative (employer, pastor, etc.)

5. Personal Statement (one page) – it should include: student description along with interest/s, college/career goals, lifetime plans and why consideration for this Service League Scholarship is important. Student may include any other information that might enhance their personal statement.

**Process of Selection:** Only two (2) candidates from each school will be chosen by Guidance Department for submission into final competition. Along with Application Form (and information listed above), the final two applicants (from each Catawba County High School) must submit financial information (2011 IRS Form 1040/for one/both parent/s) with their application form to the Service League of Hickory. ***Financial information may be included with application or mailed separately to the Service League*** (pre-addressed envelopes provided to Guidance Department). Any and all financial information **is kept highly confidential**. Completed applications, including all financial forms, must be received at the Service League of Hickory no later than **Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>** for 2012 scholarship consideration. In addition,

- Final candidates will be contacted around **April 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Interviews will be scheduled with the Service League Scholarship Committee on **Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>** at Service League House @ 506 Third Avenue, NW, Hickory 28601. Applicants need to be save these dates and be available after school on all of these dates.
- 2012 scholarship recipients and Guidance Department contacts will be contacted following interviews (**May 10 - 11**). Other students (not receiving scholarships) will be notified by email following interviews.
- 2012 scholarship recipients will be introduced to entire Service League membership @ the Annual Tea on **Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>** at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 726 First Avenue NW, Hickory.

**Terms of Acceptance of Scholarship:** Scholarships are awarded to student/s planning to attend a four (4) year institution (public or private) or Community College. Awards are based on financial information supplied with the application and updated at the interview. Scholarship recipients are to update the Scholarship Committee with any/all additional scholarships, grants or financial aid received by **August 1, 2012**. This permits each student's college account to receive funds prior to beginning of academic year. In addition, the Scholarship Committee expects recipients to complete at least 12 semester hours a semester and to maintain a 2.5 average (minimum) each semester. Written/electronic proof is required from each scholarship recipient (at end of each semester) for continued disbursement of scholarship funds.



**FINANCIAL INFORMATION:** (This portion should be completed by parent/legal guardian)

**FATHER:**

Name (First/Last) \_\_\_\_\_

Address/City/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Length of Employment \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly Income \_\_\_\_\_

**MOTHER:**

Name (First/Last) \_\_\_\_\_

Address/City/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Length of Employment \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly Income \_\_\_\_\_

**Combined Family Income:** (check one)

( ) under \$15,000 ( ) \$15,000-\$30,000 ( ) \$31,000-\$45,000 ( ) \$46,000-\$59,000 ( ) \$60,000 and over

**Marital Status of Parent/s:** (check one)

\_\_\_\_ Single \_\_\_\_ Married \_\_\_\_ Separated \_\_\_\_ Divorced \_\_\_\_ Widowed

Dependents: # of brother/s \_\_\_\_\_ Name/s and age/s \_\_\_\_\_  
# of sister/s \_\_\_\_\_ Name/s and age/s \_\_\_\_\_

List other family members in college along with percentage of educational costs family is paying:  
(list name of each member, college attending and year of expected graduation)

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List any other special financial circumstances: \_\_\_\_\_

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List any fund/s available for college from other sources (grandparent/s, non-custodial parent, etc.)

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**Student Nomination (to be completed by Guidance Department)**

I hereby nominate \_\_\_\_\_ for *The Service League of Hickory, N.C. Scholarship Award*. It is my opinion that this student demonstrates the qualities necessary to meet criteria for nomination, including financial need, academic excellence, demonstrates leadership (both in areas of community volunteer work and school activities, and shows strong work ethic.

*Please supply any additional information or unique circumstances that should be considered in evaluating this student's application. All written comments are considered confidential and will be used only in the selection process. They will not be shared with the student.*

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Print Name/Title of School Official

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Signature – Counselor Date

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Telephone Number