**C A T C H FOUNDATION**

**Academic Merit and Need Based Scholarships Application**

**For Academic Year/Term \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

About the C A T C H FOUNDATION Scholarship: C A T C H FOUNDATION Scholarship is the result of an initiative created to support education for students who attend colleges and universities throughout the United States of America, with preference given to students who attend colleges and universities in Houston, Texas. Scholarships are awarded to those students who have shown academic merit by achieving an **overall grade point average of 3.0 and above during the year prior to their application AND who can show financial need**. **To be successful, an applicant must meet both criteria.**

Applicants should carefully complete all financial data forms included in the application thoroughly and accurately. Applications for college tuition/fees must be received by no later than sixty (60) days prior to the first class day for the year/term for which the scholarship is sought. Applicants can expect responses within 45 days after the submission deadline. Applicants **should not** contact C A T C H FOUNDATION before that time.

 All contact with C A T C H FOUNDATION should be made as follows (In writing):

C A T C H FOUNDATION Scholarship

Office of Counsel

P. O. Box 301078

# Houston, Texas 77230-1078

(Please type or print clearly)

Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Local Address\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Permanent Address\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail address \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

LocalTelephone\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Fax\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Cell\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Expected Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

For the academic year/term \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, I will be (circle one): Undergraduate

 Graduate Student

If graduate student, list the number of credit hours you plan to take:

 Fall Spring Summer

I am applying for: \_\_\_\_\_Fall \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Spring \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Summer \_\_\_\_\_\_ Other

***IF YOU ARE AN UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT, DO NOT APPLY IF YOU FALL UNDER ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:***

1. You have received 8 semesters of scholarships from C A T C H FOUNDATION Scholarship (including Summer Semesters)

2. You will have over 160 total hours after the most recently past Semester

**APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

1. Fill out the Scholarship application form, indicating the scholarship(s)for which you are applying. ALL AWARDS ARE BASED ON ACADEMIC MERIT **AND** FINANCIAL NEED

**I would like to apply for the following College awards:**

Standardized Testing Preview Course

\_\_\_\_\_ SAT

\_\_\_\_\_ LSAT

\_\_\_\_\_ MCAT

\_\_\_\_\_ GRE

\_\_\_\_\_ Undergraduate Tuition and Fees

\_\_\_\_\_ Graduate Tuition and Fees

1. You need to include a copy of your transcript.

3. Include a billing statement or other information that shows the specific use of the funds you are seeking through CATCH.

4.Request two recommendations (using recommendation form - attached), that may be from an employer (past or present) or from a professor or other academic person. Letters of recommendation may not be considered from any person affiliated with C A T C H FOUNDATION Scholarship.

5.Attach a resume which includes the following: (limit 1 page)

(1) Honors received/Scholarships received

(2) Leadership experience

(3) Work experience

(4) Extracurricular activities

(5) Service

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Please address the following in the space provided:

A. Professional objectives/life goals:

B. Activities you have been involved in which require application of the principles you have been learning in your coursework (e.g. employment, research, volunteer work). Include what you have learned from these experiences.

C. How has your education been financed thus far? What is your current financial need? (Be specific and use additional pages as necessary)

D. List any extenuating circumstances you feel should be considered in evaluating your academic record:

E. **Previous Education:**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  College/University |  Dates Attended |  Degree and Date |  Major |
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Awards/Honors: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Interests/Extracurricular Activities: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

F. Essay*:*On a separate sheet, write a brief (250-word) essay in which you outline the purpose of continuing your education. **Elaborate on your financial need** as it relates to your educational goals and your life and community and describe why you believe you should be granted a scholarship.

**APPLICANT’S FINANCIAL PROFILE**

Major field of study

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_

Extra-curricular activities (school, community, church, work)

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What will be the total annual financial requirement at the school/program of choice?

1st semester - $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2nd semester- $ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3rd semester- $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Money available to student to meet needs:

Student’s Savings $ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Student’s Earnings from employment $ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Work / Study at college $ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Scholarships and grants (list name and amount):

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Amount to be contributed by family members/friends $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

If you are the beneficiary of an educational trust, how much will that contribute? $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Other sources

1\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Total $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_

**Will you be willing to borrow to further your education?**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_

**For what scholarships did you apply?**

Source 1 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Amount$\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Granted$\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Source 2 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Amount$\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Granted$\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Source 3 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Amount$\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Granted$\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Will obtaining additional financial aid be a prerequisite to continuing your education? Explain.

Name and phone number of 2 individuals (one associated with the school and one not associated with school) who would be willing to speak to the committee regarding your character and qualifications.

Name 1:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Name 2: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone 1:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Telephone 2: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Student’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

All applications submitted become the property of C A T C H FOUNDATION Scholarship, and shall be kept confidential.

Mail to:

# C A T C H FOUNDATION Scholarship

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P. O. Box 301078

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**SCHOLARSHIP RECOMMENDATION FORM**

Please send or Fax to: The Scholarship Committee,

**C A T C H FOUNDATION**

**P. O. Box 301078**

**Houston, Texas 77230-1078**

**713-669-9254 (Facsimile)**

To the applicant: Please complete the following:

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 and its amendments guarantee students access to educational records concerning them. Students are also permitted to waive their rights to access the recommendations. The following signed statement indicates my intent regarding this recommendation: I waive I do not waive my right to see this form or any supplementary notes or letters pertaining to this form.

Signed\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**To the recommender:**

This applicant has chosen you as a reference in support of a scholarship application to

C A T C H FOUNDATION Scholarship. Please complete this form ONLY (accompanying letters will not be accepted) and return it to the address shown above.

1) Name/Title: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Company/Business: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2) Relationship to Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_Work Supervisor

\_\_\_\_\_Teacher [What course(s)]

\_\_\_\_\_Other (Please Specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. How long have you known the applicant?

**Please rate the applicant on the qualities that you feel you can judge on the grid below.**

 5 - outstanding 2 - needs improvement

 4 - more than satisfactory 1 - unsatisfactory

 3 - satisfactory NA - not applicable or no basis for judgment

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | NA |
| Academic Ability and Potential |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Written Communications |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Verbal Communications |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Perseverance in Pursuing Goals |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Self-Reliance and Independence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Special Skills and Techniques |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Analytical/Problem Solving |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Leadership Capability |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Interpersonal Skills |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Integrity, Morality, Ethical Behavior  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Additional Comments (please add to or explain ratings):

Recommender’s Signature: Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_