



SASS[®] SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

**Official SASS[®] Scholarship Application
2016/2017**

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Thank you for your interest in applying for an attending scholarship from the SASS Scholarship Foundation. Please read the following information carefully. **The deadline for academic year 2016/2017 is March 1, 2017.**

Application Procedures

As you might expect, many more applications for scholarships may be received than can be awarded; therefore, it is essential that a completed application be submitted by the deadline and that eligibility criteria be met. Furthermore, all requests must contain full name, SASS number, alias, mailing address, email address, and day time phone number.

Part I — Requires that information provided will permit SASS to determine whether eligibility requirements are met.

Part II — Requires resume using format provided. It is very important to include any documentation of merit demonstrated through leadership in school, on the shooting range, extracurricular activities, academic achievement, and motivation to serve and succeed in the form of recommendations, articles, testimonials, and other forms of media.

Part III — Requires that a 300-500 word essay be submitted using the topic below. Each page **MUST** include name, alias and SASS #. Essay **MUST** be double spaced with title at top.

It is important that shooters continue to join and enjoy shooting sports. What are three suggestions that you have to attract more shooters/members to CAS and SASS? Be specific in your suggestions.

Part IV — Requires that a high school transcript be submitted indicating applicants most recent academic work, including fall semester/quarter, 2016. First time college and renewing scholarship applicants may supply an unofficial fall semester/quarter, 2016, transcript.

Part V — Requires High School Students to supply a copy of the acceptance letter received from the college or university to which the applicant has been accepted.

Requires first time college and renewing applicants to supply a GPA for the Fall Semester and a list of classes for the coming year.

Part VI — Requires five letters of recommendation submitted, (NO MORE/NO LESS) from three fellow SASS members, one Teacher/Professor, and one Community Leader. No letters from any family member or SASS employees will be accepted.

Part VII — Requires a maximum of three photos be submitted; one color print photograph must be in full Cowboy attire, wearing your SASS badge, and in PDF or JPG format for *The Cowboy Chronicle*.

All parts submitted together will constitute the entire and completed application. It must be received at the SASS office, at the address below, by March 1, 2017. No exceptions will be made, and all decisions are final. All applicants will be informed of a decision in writing by May 1, 2017.

Please mail or email your completed application to:



SASS Scholarship Foundation
215 Cowboy Way
Edgewood, NM 87015
scholarship@sassnet.com

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for consideration for a scholarship from the SASS Scholarship Foundation, the following criteria must be met:

1. Must be an active SASS member for at least one year.
2. Must be a high school senior during the period of application (November 1 through March 10), and must have been accepted or be enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student at an accredited institution of higher education actively pursuing an academic or trade discipline. Previous Scholarship Recipients who are active SASS members may apply for a continuing grant. (ALL application criteria MUST be met by previous recipients and NO DUPLICATION of previously submitted materials will be accepted). Post graduate students are not eligible for SASS Scholarship grants.
3. Must be recommended by three SASS members; one teacher/professor; and one community leader. NO IMMEDIATE FAMILY OR SASS EMPLOYEE letters will be accepted.

Note: SASS Scholarships are awarded based on character, personal merit, and commitment to the shooting sports, particularly Cowboy Action Shooting. Merit is demonstrated through leadership in school, on the shooting range, extracurricular activities, academic achievement, and motivation to serve and succeed. Close consideration will be given to applicants who can demonstrate leadership qualities as defined by a record of involvement and participation in their local club, shooting range, extracurricular activities in their neighborhoods, and/or in civic activities in their communities. Applicants shall provide this information in Part I of this application in the form of recommendations, articles, testimonials and other forms of media.

PLEASE NOTE—INCOMPLETE OR IMPROPERLY SUBMITTED APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR CONSIDERATION

Part I – Scholarship Application

A. Personal Background

First Name	Middle Name or initial	Last Name
Alias	SASS #	SSN
Permanent Home (or Parent's) Address	City, State, Zip	Home Phone
SASS Affiliated Club	Shooting Category	Year joined SASS
Personal Email Address (not school)	DOB	

B. Academic Background

High School or Institution you are now attending	College or Vocational Trade School you have been accepted into
City State Zip	City State Zip
Financial Office Address	Contact for check mailing
Year you will graduate _____	Year enrolled _____ Estimated Completion _____
Class Rank _____ out of _____	Declared Major/Vocational Interest _____
Cumulative GPA (on 4.0 scale) _____	_____
SAT Score _____ ACT Score _____	Degree(s) expected to receive AA ___ BS ___ BA ___ Other _____

C. Resume according to form (format provided).

D. Student Certification and Consent – Please read, sign, and date

I hereby certify that all the information contained in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I hereby authorize the SASS Scholarship Foundation to utilize any information that I have submitted as part of this application. I further agree to permit SASS to utilize any information (including photos) which I have submitted herein, or will submit in the future, for the purpose of marketing and promoting the SASS scholarship program. I further agree that if I am selected to receive a SASS scholarship, that the proceeds of the SASS scholarship will be solely utilized for the payment of tuition and other related registration expenses to the institution at which I will be enrolled as a full-time student. I understand that if I utilize the scholarship proceeds for other than the purpose stated herein, or if information I have submitted on this application is found to be untrue or inaccurate, I will be subject to forfeiture of the proceeds awarded and agree to return to SASS the full amount of the proceeds received. I hereby authorize my college or university in which I am currently enrolled to release my official transcripts to SASS each semester/quarter for the year(s) in which I receive or apply for a grant.

Signature

Date

Part II through Part VII

Please complete the following section by attaching the appropriate documents. Each of the applications will be validated by the Scholarship Secretary and all documents must be complete OR your application will not be considered.

Part II – Resume

Prepare and submit a professional resume according to format provided.

Part III – Essay

Prepare and submit a 300-500 word essay using the topic below. Name, alias and SASS # must be on all pages; essay must be double spaced and titled.

It is important that shooters continue to join and enjoy shooting sports. What are three suggestions that you have to attract more shooters/members to CAS and SASS? Be specific in your suggestions.

Please comment on your involvement in the shooting sports, Cowboy Action Shooting and the practice of safe gun handling. Be concise and incorporate your own personal experience to develop your response.

Part IV – College Transcript

High School Students: should attach high school transcript indicating the most recent academic work, including fall semester/quarter, 2016.

First time college and renewing students: supply an unofficial fall semester/quarter, 2016 transcripts. If your college has not sent out an acceptance letter by the time you have submitted your application, please include a letter stating this, and then submit a copy once it is received.

Part V – College Acceptance

Attach a copy of the letter received from the college or university as evidence of acceptance or attach a counselor's letter verifying your GPA and following year class schedule which qualifies you for the coming year.

Part VI – Letters of Recommendation

All applicants must submit letters of recommendation from three fellow SASS members, one letter from a teacher/professor, and one from a community leader. NO LETTERS FROM ANY FAMILY OR SASS EMPLOYEE will be accepted.

Part VII – Your Photograph

Attach a color print photograph in full Cowboy attire, **wearing your SASS badge.** Maximum three pictures. One must be *Cowboy Chronicle* ready in PDF or JPG format.

Please make sure the application is complete with all parts included.

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Resume (follow this format. Limit of two pages in length.)

Name
Alias & SASS #
Address
City, State, Zip Code
Phone number
Personal e-mail address

Other than the OBJECTIVE Section, please LIST the information requested. DO NOT put into an essay form.

OBJECTIVE _____

Example: Make the example specific, e.g., "To graduate from high school and obtain my bachelor's degree in mathematics from Texas Tech University." Be specific when citing examples for long range goals. Long range goals: Graduate College. Pursue a career in your chosen field, what made you choose this field, and any others goals you may have.

PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT _____

What personal achievement are you proud of?

LEARNING EXPERIENCE OR INCIDENT _____

What mistake have you made and what did you learn from it? What incident has changed your life?

PERSONAL INFLUENCE _____

Who has influenced your life and how was this done?

CURRENT EDUCATIONAL SITUATION _____

Example: Attending High School; graduation date; GPA

OR

Attending College/University; expected graduation date; GPA

EXPERIENCE _____

Jobs held and responsibilities; include Company name and supervisor

VOLUNTEER/CHARITY WORK _____

Include specific names of events, companies, and responsibilities.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS _____

Include a list of awards, recognitions with documentation.

FUTURE GOALS _____

Non-shooting goals

HOBBIES/INTERESTS (other than shooting) _____

Self-explanatory

Guidelines for SASS Scholarship Application Academic Year 2016/2017

The SASS Scholarship Application Committee Members (evaluators) shall be bound by confidentiality on all matters pertaining to the SASS Scholarship Applications. Confidentiality is strictly enforced to all SASS Scholarship Committee Members during the entire review period, as detailed below

Step 1: The SASS Scholarship Application Committee Secretary will review each applicant's package to determine eligibility and completeness. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Step 2: The Committee Secretary will assign a GPA Score based on the applicant's transcripts. This GPA Score will be added to the score the Application Committee Members return on the portions of the application they are to grade. The GPA will be graded as follows:

- 5 points = 4.00 – Superior grades
- 4 points = 3.50 – 3.99 – Excellent grades
- 3 points = 3.00 – 3.49 – Very Good Grades
- Below a 3.0 GPA will be considered ineligible

Step 3: The Committee Secretary will assemble all applications and convert them into individual .pdf file packets. The packets will then be emailed to the Application Committee Members along with all required scoring forms and information.

Step 4: The Application Committee Members will individually review and score all parts of each application. The score is then returned/submitted to the Secretary by using an easy to submit electronic form.

Step 5: The Committee Chairman compiles all individual scores and assigns each applicant a total score.

Step 6: The Committee Chairman will report the scores to the Committee Secretary. The Committee Secretary will communicate the amount of money available in the SASS Scholarship fund. The total number of Scholarships awarded will then be determined based on the available funds.

Step 7: The Committee Secretary will then send out letters of acceptance and regret to the applicants on the day the Confidentially Period ends.

*The public announcement of scholarship winners will be at END of TRAIL during opening ceremonies.

Justice Lily Kate
SASS Scholarship Oversight Chairman

Important Dates:

- Application on website: January 17, 2017
- Application Deadline: March 1, 2015
- Available for Evaluators: March 13, 2017
- Evaluation Return Date: April 13, 2017
- Letters to Applicants: May 1, 2017