



SASS[®] SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

**Official SASS[®] Scholarship Application
2018/2019**

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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 2018/2019 is April 1, 2018.**

Application Procedures

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

Part I — Requires that you provide information that will permit SASS to determine whether you meet the eligibility requirements.

Part II — Resume (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 you prepare and submit a 300-500 word essay on the specified topic. Each page **MUST** include name, alias and SASS #. Essay **MUST** be double spaced with title at top.

Part IV — Requires that you submit a high school transcript indicating your most recent academic work, including fall semester/quarter, 2017. First time college and renewing students may supply an unofficial fall semester/quarter, 2017, transcript.

Part V — Requires high school students to supply a copy of the letter you received from the college or university to which you applied as evidence of your acceptance.

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 that you submit five letters of recommendation, (NO MORE/NO LESS) from three fellow SASS members, one Teacher/Professor, and one Community Leader. No letters from immediate family or SASS employees will be accepted.

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

All parts submitted together will constitute the entire and completed application and it must be received at the SASS office at the address below, by April 1, 2018. No exceptions will be made, and all decisions are final. All applicants will be informed of a decision in writing by May 15, 2018.

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 an attending scholarship from the SASS Scholarship Foundation, you must meet the following criteria:

- 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.

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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 boxes must be checked by 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 following topic. Name, alias and SASS # must be on all pages; essay must be double spaced and titled.

The Frederic Remington painting “The Fall of the Cowboy” depicts the decline of the classic American Cowboy. Name the invention that most lead to this fall. How could this one invention so strongly change the Cowboy and the West?

Part IV – College Transcript

High School Students: should attach you high school transcript indicating your most recent academic work, including fall semester/quarter, 2017.

First time college and renewing students: may supply an unofficial fall semester/quarter, 2017 transcripts. If your college has not sent out 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 you received from the college or university to which you applied as evidence of your acceptance or attach a counselor letter verifying your GPA and following year class choices which qualify 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 community leader. NO IMMEDIATE FAMILY OR SASS EMPLOYEE letters will be accepted.

Part VII – Your Photograph

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

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

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Resume (follow this format)

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: Example: To graduate High School and attend the University of your choice or continuance of higher education at USA College to pursue a degree in your chosen field. 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.

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 and what you did.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Include awards, recognitions with documentation.

FUTURE GOALS

Non-shooting goals.

HOBBIES/INTERESTS (other than shooting)

Self-explanatory.

Guidelines for SASS Scholarship Application Academic Year 2018/2019

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**

APPLICANTS CHECKLIST

MUST be returned with completed application

1. All personal information filled in completely and correctly
2. All academic information complete and accurate
3. Resume completed and formatted correctly
4. Read, sign, and date consent form.....
5. Essay submitted
 - (a) Name SASS Number on each page
 - (b) *DOUBLE Spaced*
 - (c) *TITLED*
6. High school or College Transcript included.....
7. Letter of acceptance or college students class list.....
8. Letters of recommendation.....
9. Photographs(s) Color, Cowboy attire, and SASS Badge.....