



COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
OF GREATER BIRMINGHAM

Award for Excellence and the Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham 2012 Combined College Scholarship Application

Amount: *Award for Excellence*-\$5,000 per year, for one male and one female Ramsay student; *Community Foundation*-\$1,500 per year for one Birmingham high school student. Both are renewable for up to four years as long as 3.0 GPA is maintained. Scholarships will be paid directly to the college.

Applicant criteria:

- Be a student at Ramsay High School (Ramsay students are eligible for both scholarships; all applicants not selected for the Award for Excellence will automatically be considered for the Community Foundation Scholarship.)
- Graduate in spring of 2012 and plan to attend college
- Be a citizen of the United States of America and a resident of the State of Alabama.
- Maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA throughout high school
- Have a minimum of 21 on ACT

Applicant must:

- Complete attached application
- Have transcripts sent (**in separate sealed envelope**) by Ramsay High School
- Type a 150-300 word essay on the following topic:
Describe a particular responsibility you have had as a member of a school organization, a volunteer group, or as an employee. Give details and/or discuss an experience you had in that role. Tell what you learned from having that responsibility.
- Send a copy of parent's most recent Federal Income Tax Return with application
A 2011 Return is preferred but if you are unable to submit it, attach your 2010 documents along with your 2011 W-2 and a signed statement indicating how your financial position compares to / is different from the prior year. **If parent/guardian does not file income tax, please explain in writing.** *Note: Financial need is criteria for selection but not as defined by Federal guidelines.*
- Submit two (2) character reference forms (**in separate sealed envelope**) from adults other than relatives (preferably from teachers and employers)

Mail your application to:

Attention: Scholarships
Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham
2100 First Avenue North, Suite 700, Birmingham, AL 35203

DEADLINE: The application and support materials must be **received** in the Community Foundation office **or postmarked by Wednesday, February 1, 2012**. The **office closes at 4:30 pm CST**. **Late and/or incomplete applications will not be considered.** Scholarship decisions will be announced in April of 2012.

For more information: Contact your Ramsay guidance counselor.



**AWARD for EXCELLENCE and the
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION of GREATER BIRMINGHAM
2012 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

-PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY-

I. Personal Data

Legal Name: _____
Last First Middle

Birth Date ____/____/____ Place of Birth _____ Social Security No: _____-_____-_____

Home Address: _____

Apartment Number City State Zip

Home Telephone Number _____ Cell Phone Number _____

E-mail _____

Name of parent(s) or guardian with whom you live _____

Parent's current marital status: ___single ___married ___separated ___divorced ___widowed

Are both your parents living? : Yes No

What college(s), if any, did they attend? _____

No. of Siblings: _____ List name, age and if attending college.

Name: _____ Age: _____ Attend College: Yes No

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II. Name of your High School: Ramsay High School
1800 13th Avenue South
Birmingham, AL 35205

Senior Counselor's Name _____ School Phone Number: 205- 231-7000



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The following should also be on your official transcript. If your school provides no GPA or rank, please indicate so.

Cumulative GPA: _____

ACT: English Score: _____ Math Score: _____ Reading Score: _____ Science Score: _____ Composite _____

Or

SAT: Verbal Score: _____ Math Score: _____ Essay Score: _____ Composite _____

Rank in Class: _____ Class Size: _____

Choice of college for the scholarship? _____

Have you applied for college admission? _____ Have you been accepted? _____

Intended/Declared Major: _____

If decided, please provide ultimate educational or life goal: (Attach a separate sheet of paper if needed)

Honors and Activities in high school: (Attach a separate sheet of paper if needed)

Academic: _____

Extracurricular and community service: _____



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III. Financial Report: MANDATORY – CANNOT CONSIDER IF INFORMATION IS INCOMPLETE!

(Please mark out Social Security Numbers on any tax forms submitted)

Father's (Stepfather) Occupation: _____ Employer _____

Provide copy of 2011 Federal Income Tax Return

Mother's (Stepmother) Occupation: _____ Employer _____

Provide copy of 2011 Federal Income Tax Return

Do your parents own their own home? _____

Are there any extraordinary expenses in your family? (illness, debts, etc.) _____

Explain: _____

If applicable, amount parents will contribute to your college expenses each year: _____

If parents are separated or divorced, will you receive assistance from the parent with whom you do not live? _____

How much? _____ Amount other relatives will contribute to your college support? _____

Will you be receiving PACT funds? _____

Have you applied for other scholarship aid including Federal aid? _____ If yes, please list: _____

Have you been granted scholarship aid? _____ If yes, explain _____



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List any full or part-time jobs you currently have or have had.

Employer	Dates	Hrs/week	Salary/Wage
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We affirm that the information submitted on this application is accurate to the best of our knowledge. If awarded scholarship we give permission to the Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham to release student's name to be used in promotional material.

Signature of Applicant	Date
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Signature of Parent/Guardian	Date
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*******BOTH APPLICANT AND PARENT/GUARDIAN MUST SIGN APPLICATION*******

ALL INFORMATION WILL BE CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL

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Koko McCall, Scholarship Manager: (205) 327-3809
MAIN: 327-3800 FAX: 328-6576

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP CHARACTER REFERENCE (1)

Appraisers must complete this form. Please return to *Attention: Scholarships, Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham, 2100 First Avenue North, Suite 700, Birmingham, AL 35203*, no later than **February 1, 2012**, in a sealed envelope with the appraiser's signature across the seal. The legibility and thoughtfulness of recommendations are important to the consideration of candidate eligibility.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT

Applicant's Name: _____

Appraiser's Name: _____ Title _____

Professional Association with Applicant: _____

Affiliation of Appraiser (Institution/Agency) _____

STUDENT ASSESSMENT: Please rate the student based on the criteria shown below and provide comments concerning the student in each area.

CRITERIA	RATING <small>NA=NOT AVAILABLE 1=BELOW AVERAGE 2=AVERAGE 3=GOOD 4=EXCEPTIONAL</small>	COMMENTS <i>SPECIFIC REMARKS WILL HELP THE COMMITTEE BETTER RATE THE APPLICANT</i>
Intellect Analytical Powers Critical Thinking Reasoning Ability		_____ _____ _____
Communications Skills Oral Written		_____ _____ _____
Motivation Persistence Self-Discipline Achieves Goals		_____ _____ _____
Judgment & Maturity Conscientiousness Common Sense		_____ _____ _____
Leadership Ability		_____ _____ _____
Organizational Skills		_____ _____ _____
Creativity Originality Imagination		_____ _____ _____
Personal Attributes Ability to Relate to Others Sensitivity Integrity		_____ _____ _____

Appraiser's Signature

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