

TRIPLE A RANCH SCHOLARSHIP

Overview and Instructions for the 2010 APPLICATION

The **Triple A Ranch Scholarship** is open to students from the greater St. Louis region* who are considered **first generation college students** and who **demonstrate financial need** as full time students at a regionally accredited **two or four year college** or university. Recipients may reapply for scholarship consideration for a maximum of four years of undergraduate funding provided they continue to meet eligibility requirements.

The Triple A Ranch Scholarship program was established by William S. Anheuser shortly before his death at age 98 to provide financial support and a vote of confidence to area students who are working to improve themselves and their community through advanced education. The name of the scholarship recalls Mr. Anheuser's ranch in south central Missouri where he raised prized Aberdeen-Angus cattle and learned a great deal about life and the value of hard work. Mr. Anheuser hoped to support students he described as "pulling themselves up by their bootstraps."

Applications will be evaluated on the basis of evidence of perseverance, goal attainment, integrity and fortitude, past academic performance and potential for continued success, and the quality of the essay and recommendations. Selection of up to nine recipients and the scholarship amount, ranging from \$2,000 to \$8,000, will be determined from information provided by the applicant, the school, the applicant's family and the post secondary institution. Scholarships will be used to meet unmet need or to reduce or replace loans or campus work. Recipients will be encouraged to mentor first generation college students who follow them.

Eligible high school seniors are encouraged to apply. Applications will be provided directly to eligible students by area organizations that work with college bound students, eligible high schools, and may be downloaded at www.gstlcf.org.

*Geographic eligibility restricted to residents of the City of St. Louis, the Missouri counties of St. Louis, Saint Charles, Jefferson, Franklin, Lincoln, Washington and Warren, and the Illinois counties of Madison, Saint Clair, Clinton, Monroe, Bond, Calhoun, Macoupin and Jersey.

The following application materials must be postmarked to the Community Foundation by April 15:

- Completed, signed **Application**
- **Essay**
- Cumulative **Transcript** of academic work through the Fall term and a list of current coursework
- **Two Letters of Recommendation:** one from an instructor; and one from a supervisor, employer, or clergy member.
- **Financial Aid Award letter** from the college or university you will attend
- Photocopy of current FAFSA **Student Aid Report** (SAR) that includes the Expected Family Contribution (EFC).

See page two for more detailed information about required application materials.

Each applicant will be notified of his or her status by June 15.

The Triple A Ranch Scholarship program is administered by the Greater Saint Louis Community Foundation. Eligibility, financial need, award recipients and award amount will be determined by the Greater Saint Louis Community Foundation.

All application materials should be sent to:

TRIPLE A RANCH SCHOLARSHIP
GREATER SAINT LOUIS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
319 NORTH FOURTH STREET SUITE 300
ST. LOUIS, MO 63102

Questions? Contact Amy B. Murphy, Donor Services & Scholarship Officer at the Community Foundation, at 314.588.8200, ext. 132, or amurphy@gstlcf.org

The Triple A Ranch Scholarship program, as a component fund of the Greater Saint Louis Community Foundation, does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, creed, national origin, gender, age, color, sexual orientation, veteran status, physical or mental disability.

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Application Check List

Use this page to keep track of materials required for your application.

Deadline: The following application materials must be postmarked by April 15.

	Date submitted
1. The completed and signed application form	_____
2. An Essay that explains why you fit the description of a student who has overcome odds to achieve success.	_____
3. Two Letters of Recommendation:	
one from an instructor : _____	_____
one from another instructor or a supervisor or employer: _____	_____
<p>NOTE: Write your name on both forms and give one and an envelope to those who will write recommendations for you. The recommender may either return the completed form to you in a sealed envelope for you to submit with your application OR the recommendation may be mailed directly to the Greater Saint Louis Community Foundation. It is your responsibility to assure that the recommendations are submitted by the postmark deadline.</p>	
4. An official cumulative transcript of academic work through the Fall term.	_____
5. List of courses in which you are currently enrolled, including credit to be received.	_____
6. A photocopy of your Financial Aid Award letter for the coming year from the college you will attend. Current college student applicants: if the award letter for the coming year is not yet available, please provide a copy of your current financial aid award letter and send a copy of the new letter as soon as it is available.	_____
7. A photocopy of the 2010 FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR) that includes the Expected Family Contribution (EFC)	_____

KEEP A PHOTOCOPY OF THIS ENTIRE APPLICATION FOR YOUR FILES.

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2010 APPLICATION

Postmarked by April 15, provide completed application and supporting materials. Complete all items. Label all enclosures with your full name.

1. Name _____
First Middle Last
2. Last four digits of Soc. Sec. # _____
3. Permanent Address _____
Street City/State Zip
4. Telephone number (____) _____ 5. Mobile phone number (____) _____
6. Email address (optional) _____ 7. Date of Birth _____ 8. Age _____
month day year
9. Marital Status: Single _____ Married _____ 10. Gender: Male _____ Female _____
11. I am an applicant for financial aid at the college I plan to attend. Yes No If No, attach a note explaining why not.
12. I will enroll at least 12 semester hours (or the equivalent) each term in 2010-2011 academic year. Yes No
13. I certify that neither of my parents graduated from a four year college. Yes No

Information for parent(s) or guardian(s): Note: If you are an orphan or a current or former ward of the court, please indicate 'N/A.'

14. Name _____
15. Address (if different from #3 above) _____
Street City/State Zip
16. Daytime Phone Number (____) _____ Extension _____ 16a. Mobile phone number (____) _____
17. Marital status: _____ 18. Name of Spouse _____
19. Are you an active participant in an organization that prepares students for college attendance such as College Bound, College Summit, Wyman, Girls Hope Boys Hope, or a similar program? If yes, provide details: _____
name of organization
20. Applicant's current school _____
Name
21. Address _____ 22. High School graduation date _____
Street City / State Zip month year
23. College you plan to attend Fall 2010: _____
name city and state
24. Academic major or emphasis: _____ Expected degree completion date: _____
month year
25. Expected degree: Associate of Applied Science Associate (AS, AA) Bachelor (BA, BS, BME, BFA, other)

26. Provide information on your **work experience** including family business:

Name of business	Hours worked per week	Employed from mo/yr. to mo/yr.	Title and Job duties
• _____	_____	_____	_____
• _____	_____	_____	_____
• _____	_____	_____	_____

27. Provide information on your **extracurricular or volunteer involvement**, concentrating on those most important to you:

Activity	Time involved per week	Period of involvement mo/yr. to mo/yr.	Position(s) held and/or details of the activity
• _____	_____	_____	_____
• _____	_____	_____	_____
• _____	_____	_____	_____
• _____	_____	_____	_____
• _____	_____	_____	_____

28. Attach an **Essay**, headed by your name, that explains why you fit the description of a student who has overcome odds to achieve success. You may include information about circumstances or people that have influenced you or had an effect on your achievement, or unusual hardships you have had to overcome or will overcome to achieve your goals.

Additional Financial information:

29a. If you are a dependent student, provide information on all family members claimed on your parent's 2009 federal tax returns:

Name of family member	Age	Relationship to candidate	Name of school or college he or she will attend for the 2010-2011 academic year	Cost of attending per term
• _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
• _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
• _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
• _____	_____	_____	_____	_____

29b. If a parent is listed as a college student, will tuition be paid or reimbursed by employer? Yes ___ No ___ If yes, reimbursable amount: _____

30. Applicant's housing plans for 2010-2011 academic year: _____

Divorced families: 31a. Who claimed applicant as a dependent on most recent income tax return? _____

31b. Will non-custodial parent contribute to education costs of the applicant? Yes ___ No ___ If yes, annual amount \$ _____

32. If you wish to inform the Foundation of any unusual financial circumstances, including unusual costs associated with the applicant's education, or educational loans already incurred for or by applicant, please indicate that information on a separate sheet, headed by the applicant's name.

You are required to provide a clear copy of your current FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR) and your financial aid award letter from your school or college. Tax forms, W-2s or other documentation may be requested by the Greater Saint Louis Community Foundation to confirm information on the FAFSA.

Your signature at the end of the application authorizes the Greater Saint Louis Community Foundation and its selection committee to examine and verify your academic and financial records, and to release pertinent data to those involved with the Foundation programs.

Your signature certifies that all information here is your own work and is true and complete to the best of your knowledge. An unsigned or incomplete application will make the applicant ineligible for consideration for a Triple A Ranch Scholarship award.

33. Applicant's Signature _____ 34. Date _____

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Letter of Recommendation—Due April 15

for

Applicant Name:		
Instructions for person making the recommendation		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete the form. Attach a letter if you wish to expand on the information requested here. • Place completed recommendation in an envelope, <u>seal and sign your name across the seal</u>. Return the form to the applicant or mail to: Triple A Ranch Scholarship, Greater Saint Louis Community Foundation, 319 N. Fourth Street Suite 300, St. Louis, MO 63102 		
How long have you known the applicant?		
Identify the associations you have had with the applicant. Check all that apply.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Instructor	<input type="checkbox"/> Employer/Supervisor	<input type="checkbox"/> Friend
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Organization	<input type="checkbox"/> Academic Advisor	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____

Please rate the applicant by entering a ✓ in the appropriate spaces below.					
	Exceptional	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Not Able to Respond
Decision-Making Ability					
Perseverance					
Communication Skills: Written Oral					
Adaptability					
Positive Attitude					
Integrity / Honesty					
Reaction to Adversity					
Attitude of Responsibility					
Ability to commit to: A goal Persons					

In addition to the ratings, please give your evaluation of the applicant. You may want to indicate your perceptions of the applicant's strengths and limitations. Attach a letter or use the reverse side of this form if extra space is needed.

My recommendation is:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Highly recommend <input type="checkbox"/> Recommend <input type="checkbox"/> Recommend with Reservation <input type="checkbox"/> Do not recommend	
Signature of Person Making Recommendation	Date
Printed Name	Business and Position (if applicable)
Address	
Daytime Telephone Number	Email Address

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Printed Name	Business and Position (if applicable)
Address	
Daytime Telephone Number	Email Address