

The 2009 Homer Fund Scholarship Program

Eligibility

The Homer Fund Scholarships are available to the dependent sons and daughters of full and part-time associates of The Home Depot and its subsidiaries. Eligible students must be high school seniors, college freshmen, sophomores or juniors enrolled as an undergraduate student in the fall of 2009. The parent or legal guardian must be employed by The Home Depot for at least one year as of January 1, 2009, and still be employed at the time awards are announced.

Awards

Each year, The Homer Fund will award up to 1,000 scholarships of \$2,500 USD (\$1,000 USD for Mexico) each to undergraduate students. The funds available and the number of qualified applicants will determine the number of awards.

Awards are not renewable, however, recipients and non-recipients are encouraged to reapply each year they are eligible.

The scholarships will be applied to educational expenses at accredited, nonprofit two or four-year undergraduate colleges/universities/vocational schools in the United States, Mexico or Canada (hereafter referred to as either colleges or institutions). Students may transfer from one institution to another and retain the award.

Applying for the Scholarship

Students may apply for The Homer Fund scholarship by logging onto www.THDHomerFund.org/Scholarship/HowtoApply. Students enter the online application by selecting the appropriate link based on the country in which their parent works. New applicants must select Option 2 to obtain an Application Identification Number (AIN). To complete the remainder of the application, students must use access code **HMDPT**.

Application Deadline

All applications must be received by March 1, 2009. Changes may be made to previously submitted applications prior to the March 1 deadline.

Winner Selection

A Selection Committee comprised of educators who have no connection with The Homer Fund or The Home Depot will evaluate the applications and select the winners. The use of this independent committee is designed to ensure the impartiality and confidentiality of the selection process. In evaluating the applications, the committee will consider the applicants' financial need (50%), community involvement (25%), demonstrated leadership and academic achievements or records (25%). The post-secondary GPA is also considered if the applicant is already enrolled in an institution.

Approximately one month after the deadline, semi-finalists will be contacted and required to submit their high school transcript to verify eligibility. Selection as a semi-finalist does not mean you are an award recipient. Award winners will be determined and notified approximately three months after the deadline.

Making Changes to Your Application

To make changes to your application, return to www.THDHomerFund.org/Scholarship/HowtoApply, select the appropriate link based on the country in which your parent works, then click Login Option 3. Enter your access key (**HMDPT**), AIN and name to re-enter the application process. Click on each tab until you reach the section that needs to be corrected or updated; make changes as necessary and print a new Cover Page for your records. Any changes must be made prior to March 1, 2009.

Checking the Status of Your Application

To check the status of your application, return to www.THDHomerFund.org/Scholarship/HowToApply, select the appropriate link based on the country in which your parent works, then click the `Check Application Status` link. Enter your AIN, first and last name. "Submitted" means your online application has been placed on file. Once reviewed and processed your status will change to "Complete". Incomplete applications will remain as "Submitted"; it is up to the applicant to ensure that the application is completed by the March 1 deadline.

Responsibilities of Recipients

Recipient responsibilities include enrolling as full-time undergraduate students in the fall of the year in which the scholarships are awarded and continuing in school for the entire academic year without interruption, barring serious illness, emergency or military service. If enrollment is interrupted, the recipient is responsible for informing International Scholarship and Tuition Services. Scholarship recipients are responsible for delivering their scholarship checks to the proper office at their institution.

Payment of Funds

Checks will be mailed to each recipient's home mailing address and will be made payable to the institution only. Checks will be issued in August. If your home mailing address has changed since you applied, contact International Scholarship and Tuition Services to correct your address.

Program Administration

To assure complete impartiality in selection of winners and to maintain a high level of professionalism, the program is administered by International Scholarship and Tuition Services, Inc., a firm that specializes in managing sponsored scholarship programs.

Incomplete applications or applications submitted after the March 1 deadline will not be considered.

Questions

For additional information regarding the scholarship program contact:

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