



**Information for your  
Human Resources Department  
or  
Company Representative**

**The  
American Home  
Furnishings Alliance  
SUPPLIERS DIVISION**

**SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

**Completed Application Due January 31**

## THE AHFA SUPPLIERS DIVISION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Suppliers Division Scholarship Fund provides scholarship aid to children of employees of member organizations of the American Home Furnishings Alliance. The scholarship awards are made to students age 21 or under who are enrolled or planning to enroll full-time in a two or four year college, university, or approved vocational/technical school. The awards are \$2,000 each per school year. Recipients of the scholarship awards may re-apply in subsequent years for additional awards. The program is administered without regard to race, color, creed, sex or national origin.

Awards are granted for study leading to a first Undergraduate degree only.

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Dependent children\* age 21 or under of employees of member organizations of the American Home Furnishings Alliance. The employee must be a full-time employee and have at least 1 year of continuous employment with the member organization. The employee must also be employed by the same member organization on the date of the scholarship application and on the date of the award of the scholarship.

Applicants to the Suppliers Division Scholarship Fund may be in their senior year of high school at the time of application. Also, students age 21 or under already in college or vocational/technical school may apply unless the student is in the final year of his/her post-secondary

studies at the time of application. Students already graduated from high school and desiring to go on for further training are also eligible.

\*A dependent child is defined as one who would qualify as a dependent on the employee's federal tax return for the year in which the scholarship award is to be made

### HOW ARE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS SELECTED?

- Awards are made primarily on the basis of financial need.

Consideration will be given to the family's contribution – what the family can reasonably be expected to provide towards the student's education – and the anticipated educational costs of the student.

Past educational performance, the student's potential to succeed in the chosen educational Program, and the following factors may also be considered in the award:

- Scholastic aptitude, based on standardized test scores such as the SAT or ACT, if available;
- Scholastic performance, based on grade point average and rank in class;
- Outside interests and activities, including work experience and leadership roles;
- Applicant's statement of educational and career aspirations and goals;

- Any unusual family or personal circumstances; and
- An outside appraisal of the student by a high school counselor, college adviser, clergyman, instructor, professional person or supervisor.

The Suppliers Division Scholarship Fund Program reserves the right to discontinue the scholarship during the course of the academic year if the student's efforts, achievement or conduct is unsatisfactory.

Each application is completely confidential and is reviewed initially by the American Home Furnishings Alliance, which is the scholarship administrator, and subsequently by a committee selected by the Suppliers Division Board of Directors.

In most cases, recipients will be notified of their awards in April of the year the award becomes effective. Non-recipients will also be notified in April. Eligible applicants who are selected as well as those who are not selected may re-apply to the Suppliers Division Scholarship Program in subsequent years.

### **HOW MUCH IS THE AWARD?**

Awards made through the Suppliers Division Scholarship Program are \$2,000 for one year of full-time study.

### **HOW MANY AWARDS ARE MADE EACH YEAR?**

A total of 6 awards will be made.

### **HOW ARE THE AWARDS PAID?**

Awards made on behalf of the Suppliers Division Scholarship Program are issued in two equal installments in June and December of the year in which the award is granted. Checks are made payable to the educational institution.

Awards may be used to pay for tuition, books, lab fees, room and board or other educational expenses.

### **WHAT ARE THE RECIPIENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES?**

The recipient is solely responsible for making arrangements with and fulfilling the requirements for admission to the educational institution of the student's choice. The Recipient must enter a post-secondary educational institution no later than the fall term following selection for the scholarship.

Except as described in the brochure for the Suppliers Division Scholarship Program, no obligation of any kind will be imposed upon a Scholarship holder or assumed by the American Home Furnishings Alliance or its Divisions or the Suppliers Division Scholarship Fund in connection with the granting of the scholarship.

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