

Frequently Asked Questions by Applicants

1. Where can I find out more about the program?

Applicants can access the program guidelines and the online application at <https://learnmore.scholarsapply.org/leadersandachievers>

2. How long does it take to complete the application?

The application process is estimated to take approximately 15-30 minutes to complete. Be as thorough as possible as Scholarship America can only evaluate what has been provided on the application.

3. What is the scholarship deadline?

Applications, including required uploads, must be submitted by Friday, December 7, 2018 at 5 p.m. EST.

4. How do I know if I'm eligible to participate in this scholarship program?

You must reside in a community served by Comcast and/or in one of the following NBC or Telemundo markets: Boston, Chicago, Dallas-Fort Worth, El Paso, Los Angeles, McAllen (TX), New York, Orlando, Philadelphia, Phoenix, San Antonio, San Diego, and Washington, D.C. Your home/residential zip code will determine if you are eligible for this scholarship.

5. What are the required documents for the application?

As part of your application, you must upload a current, complete transcript of grades. Grade reports are not accepted. Unofficial or online transcripts must display the student's name, name of school, grades and credit hours for each course, along with the term in which each course was taken. Your application is not complete unless all required documents are submitted electronically.

6. What financial information is needed to complete the application?

The applicant's parent/guardian(s) must complete the financial section using the most recently filed income tax return which includes:

- State of Residence
- Adjusted gross income
- Total federal tax paid
- Total income of parent/guardian
- Total income of other parent/guardian
- Yearly untaxed income and benefits
- Medical and dental expenses not paid by insurance
- Total cash, checking, savings, cash value of stocks, etc.
- Total number of family members living in the household and primarily supported by the reported income
- Marital status of parent or guardian

- Of the total number of family members, number of students attending college at least half-time during the next school year

7. How is financial need determined?

Scholarship America determines financial need by using a similar methodology as FASFA calculation. Applicants are asked to provide the following financial factors in their application: adjusted gross income, income of each parent, untaxed income, total cash/savings/etc., number of persons in the family, and the number of children attending college.

8. What essay questions are required as part of the application?

What is your most impactful community service experience? Explain why.
(2000 character limit including spaces - about 400 words)

Describe a time when you were able to use your leadership skills.
(1000 character limit including spaces - about 200 words)

9. How will I know if my application and supporting documents were submitted?

Shortly after you submit your online application, confirmation that your application was transmitted will be sent to your registration e-mail address. If you **do not** receive a confirmation, please return to your electronic application, choose the review tab and confirm all data was entered correctly. Once you have completed the review, select the "LOCK and SUBMIT" button available at the bottom of the page. If further assistance is needed, follow the online instructions to submit the application.

Important: Incomplete applications will not be considered. There is no appeal process.

10. Where do I send my application?

The application and all associated materials should be submitted online. Carefully review the application before submission and print a copy of the application for your records. Applications are evaluated on the information supplied, so please answer all questions as completely as possible.

11. I am uncertain of what school I will be attending at this time. Can I still apply?

When filling out the application, enter what school you think you will be attending. Once recipients are selected, school choices can be changed.

12. I am a home-school student. Am I eligible for the program?

Yes, you are eligible for the program if you are currently a home-schooled student as long as you are considered a high school senior or in your final year of your upper secondary education and will graduate by the end of the current school year.

13. Are all applicants guaranteed a scholarship?

The Comcast Leaders and Achievers Scholarship Program is a competitive program; not all applicants will receive scholarships.

14. How are scholarship awards paid?

Scholarship America will pay the award in a single lump sum in August 2019 (or as soon as administratively practicable), with checks made payable to the accredited college or university but mailed to the recipient's permanent home address.

15. When will I be notified of the results of the program?

All applicants will be notified in mid-March 2019 whether or not they have been selected to receive an award.

16. What should I do if I discover I need to make changes to the application after it has been submitted?

Changes to profile information such as name, address, email, and phone numbers can be made at any time, even after the application has been submitted. However, due to quality controls, no changes may be made to the actual application once it has been submitted. If an applicant discovers an error or omission in the application after submitting, Scholarship America asks that you submit an entirely new application.

Please email leadersandachievers@scholarshipamerica.org if submitting a duplicate application to indicate which application should be deleted.

Any other questions should be sent to Scholarship America at leadersandachievers@scholarshipamerica.org or our toll free number **1-800-537-4180**.