



HORATIO ALGER SCHOLARSHIPS

For More Information see your Counselor or contact Rex Kozak, Horatio Algers Iowa Field Director at kozak.rex796@gmail.com

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Critical financial need (**\$55,000 or lower** adjusted gross family income is required) - *You will have to submit PROOF of income, usually the first page of your parent's tax return.*
- Maintain a **minimum GPA of 2.0**
- Be a United States **citizen**
- Involvement in co-curricular and community service activities
- Display *integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity*

*Students may start their studies at a two-year institution and then transfer to a four year-institution

ONE APPLICATION CAN BE USED FOR MULTIPLE SCHOLARSHIPS (*but you can only win 1 ☺*)

- **National Scholarship** - \$25,000 to 106 students throughout the country (based on state population, **2 from Iowa last year**)
- **State of Iowa Scholarships** - \$10,000 to **8 Iowa resident students**
- **Career and Technical Scholarships will be available in March 2017 for Applications to be made.** A reminder will be sent out. See more information on last page of this document.

TARGETED SCHOLARSHIPS

- **Mel Klein Scholarship (5 awards at \$10,000 each)**
 - Academic achievement (minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.5)
 - Planning to pursue a degree at **Colgate University, Columbia University, Stanford University, or Tulane University**
- **Santa Clara University – Schott Family Scholarship (4 awards at \$50,000 each – amount matched by school)**
 - High school senior planning to attend **Santa Clara University**
 - Minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.4
- **Trott Family Scholarship (21 awards at \$30,000-\$60,000 each)**
 - High school senior planning to attend **Ohio State University, University of Chicago or Vanderbilt University**
 - Will submit an application for early decision/early action (by Nov. 1)
 - Academic achievement (minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.5)

APPLICATION COMPONENTS - **ALL APPLICATION COMPONENTS DUE TUESDAY, OCT. 25, 2016:**

1. Online application form (*create an online account; can save and return*)
2. 150 - 250 word **short essay on the adversity you have overcome**, including:
 - The impact your adversities had on your life and development as a young adult
 - How you have coped with or overcome these challenges
 - The role that mentors/mentorship (either a person or an organization) has played in helping you overcome adversities
 - The lessons you have learned from the events in your life and the skills or insights you have gained that will help prevent your adversity from having a negative impact on your future
3. "Personal statement" of 50-200 words in which they **compare elements of an Association Member's life with their own** (including business people, scientists, doctors, lawyers, actors, politicians, Oprah, etc. [There are lots of options](#))

- 4. Online **Support Form** from a non-family member adult who knows you well (I recommend your advisor)
- 5. Online **Certification Form** (Rex Kozak or your College Counselor can complete this!)

<p>Which scholarships above do you qualify for / want to apply for?</p>	
<p>Who will you ask to complete your Certification Form? You will need email, and use the school phone number.</p> <p>By what date will you make the request (<i>in person or via email first, THEN add their information online</i>)?</p> <p>Why did you select him/her?</p>	
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<p>*NOTE: You must LOCK your adversity section & essay BEFORE your support form recommender can complete your Certification Form.</p> <p><i>When will you lock this section so they will have time to complete the online form at a high quality level?</i> (recommended at least 2 weeks in advance)</p>	
<p>When will you COMPLETE your application? (recommended at least a few days early; due to the high volume on the Association’s website on October 25 applicants had a difficult time logging back into their application)</p> <p>How will you make sure you stay on track to meet this deadline?</p>	
<p>Do you plan on setting up a work time appointment with</p>	

Counselor or Rex Kozak Field Director?

If so, when are you available OR what time did you confirm at this session?

BRAINSTORMING - ADVERSITY

Think about ALL the adversities and challenges you have overcome. If any of the below apply to you, please BRIEFLY describe in the box on the right (70 words or less):

Have you ever been in foster care or considered a ward of the state, or an emancipated minor?	
Have you ever been homeless? (includes "doubling up," staying in a hotel instead of your family home, etc.)	
Have you experienced the death of a parent or guardian?	
Have you experienced the death of a close friend or family member (not a parent or guardian)?	
Have you experienced a divorce of your parents?	
Have one or more of your parents/guardians ever been incarcerated (in prison)?	
Have you experienced abandonment of a parent/guardian (cessation of contact and support)?	
Do you live in a household where alcohol and/or drugs are/were abused?	
Do you have a physical/mental disability or serious illness?	
Have you suffered from physical, mental, and/or sexual abuse?	
Do you have critical financial need? (describe challenges you have faced because of lack of money, e.g. skipping meals, power going out, etc.)	
Have you or are you currently experiencing adversities not addressed above? (e.g. growing up in a dangerous neighborhood, commuting an	

extraordinary distance to school, etc.)	
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BRAINSTORMING - ADVERSITY ESSAY

Make a bulleted list, idea web, etc. to answer the following prompts:

The impact your adversities had on your life and development as a young adult:

How you have coped with or overcome these challenges:

The role that mentors/mentorship (either a person or an organization) has played in helping you overcome adversities:

The lessons you have learned from the events in your life and the skills or insights you have gained that will help prevent your adversity from having a negative impact on your future:

BRAINSTORMING - HORATIO ALGER ASSOCIATION MEMBER PERSONAL STATEMENT

The list below is just a sample of the hundreds of members to choose from. You can search a whole list (www.horatioalger.org/members/about-our-members/) that include detailed biographies.

Henry L. Aaron

Senior Vice President

Atlanta Braves

Georgia

Class Year: 1978

"Speak out on the issues you believe in."

Maya Angelou

Author/Professor

1992 Horatio Alger Award Winner

"I am always talking about the human condition—about what we can endure, dream, fail at, and still survive."

John A. Canning, Jr.

Chairman

Madison Dearborn Partners

2013 Horatio Alger Award Winner

"I think we all have the same amount of luck, but the key is recognizing it when you see it."

Katherine D. Ortega

Former Treasurer, United States

2002 Horatio Alger Award Winner

"Treat people the way you would like to be treated."

George S. Halas

Owner & Coach

Chicago Bears Football Club

1968 Horatio Alger Award Winner

"Persevere until your dreams become reality."

Denzel Washington

Academy-Award-Winning

Actor and Director

2009 Horatio Alger Award Winner

"We all get where we're going with a push from someone else."

Linda G. Alvarado

President and Chief Executive Officer

Alvarado Construction

2001 Horatio Alger Award Winner

"You must first embrace your hopes and dreams and have a positive attitude about yourself before you can change the attitudes and behaviors of others."

John J. Sheinin

President

Chicago Medical School

1957 Horatio Alger Award Winner

"As an immigrant, I have always loved this country for its opportunities that abound for all."

Oprah Winfrey

Chairman

Harpo Inc.

Illinois

Class Year: 1993

"You only have to believe you can succeed, that you can be whatever your heart desires. Be willing to work for it, and you can have it."

Condoleezza Rice

Former Secretary of State, United States Department of State

Professor, Stanford University and Senior Fellow, Hoover Institution

California

Class Year: 2010

"You can't always control your circumstances, but you can control your reaction to your circumstances. In America, we achieve despite our circumstances."

Do any of the above members appeal to you?	
What similarities will you look for when trying to filter through the many Members on the website? Suggestions: location, similar life experiences, career field	

SUPPORT FORM TIP

*AFTER you have locked the adversity section & essay on your application your selected support form provider will be sent an email giving them access this form. **NOTE: It is due Oct. 25 as well!! Do NOT wait until the last minute to lock your adversity section & essay; you will leave your recommender limited time to submit a detailed recommendation.***

Information on Career and Technical Scholarship Available for application in March 2017:

Eligibility Requirements:

- Completion of high school or plans to complete high school by spring 2017, with plans to enroll at a community college by fall 2017
- A strong commitment to pursue and complete a career or technical program at an accredited non-profit community college in the United States
- Critical financial need (must be eligible to receive the Federal Pell grant as determined by completion of the FAFSA)
- Demonstrated perseverance in overcoming adversity
- Involvement in community service activities
- Age not exceeding 30 years old
- United States citizenship

In addition to an online application, students will be asked to provide the following:

- SAR document to confirm their Pell eligibility
- Documentation indicating the tuition/fees associated with their program

Any questions please contact Iowa Field Director Rex Kozak.