



Mercedes-Benz U.S. International Scholarship Program

THE PROGRAM

The Mercedes-Benz U.S. International Scholarship Program has been established by Mercedes-Benz U.S. International, Inc. (MBUSI) to assist Alabama high school seniors and dependent children of MBUSI Team Members who plan to continue education in college or vocational school programs. Scholarships are offered each year for full-time study at an accredited institution of the student's choice.

This scholarship program is administered by Scholarship Management Services, a department of Scholarship America. Scholarship America is a national nonprofit educational support and student aid service organization that seeks to involve and assist the private sector in expanding educational opportunities and encouraging educational achievement. Awards are granted without regard to race, color, creed, religion, gender, disability, or national origin.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants to the Mercedes-Benz U.S. International Scholarship Program must be -

- High school seniors from the following areas in Alabama: Jefferson County and Tuscaloosa County, who plan to enroll in a full-time* undergraduate course of study at an accredited two- or four-year college, university, or vocational-technical school by the fall term following the application period.

OR

- High school seniors who are dependent children of full-time Mercedes-Benz U.S. International, Inc. Team Members who plan to enroll in a full-time* undergraduate course of study at an accredited two- or four-year college, university, or vocational-technical school by the fall term following the application period.
 - ✓ Dependent children are defined as natural and legally adopted children or stepchildren living in the Team Member's household and primarily supported by the Team Member.
 - ✓ Children of Management Team members are not eligible.

**Full-time study is defined as full-time enrollment for the entire upcoming academic year.*

AWARDS

If selected as a recipient, the student will receive a \$1,000 award. Up to ten (10) awards will be granted each year. One half of awards will be granted to children of Team Members, the other half to students from high schools in the selected areas (with geographic spread). Awards are for undergraduate study and are for one year only.

APPLICATION

Interested students must complete the application and mail it along with a current, complete official transcript of grades to Scholarship America postmarked no later than **March 15**. On-line transcripts and grade reports are not acceptable. Applicants will receive acknowledgment of receipt of their application. If an acknowledgment card is not received within three weeks, applicants may call Scholarship America to verify that the application has been received.

Applicants are responsible for gathering and submitting all necessary information. Applications are evaluated on the information supplied; therefore, answer all questions as completely as possible. All information received is considered confidential and is reviewed only by Scholarship America.

SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS

Scholarship recipients are selected on the basis of academic record, demonstrated leadership and participation in school and community activities, honors, work experience, statement of goals and aspirations, unusual personal or family circumstances, and an outside appraisal. Financial need is not considered.

Selection of recipients is made by Scholarship America. In no instance does any officer or employee of Mercedes-Benz U.S. International or the Community Foundation of West Alabama play a part in the selection. All applicants agree to accept the decision of Scholarship America as final.

Applicants will be notified in early May. Not all applicants to the program will be selected as recipients.

PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship America processes scholarship payments on behalf Mercedes-Benz U.S. International, Inc. Payments are made in one installment on August 15. A check will be mailed to each recipient's home address and is made payable to the school for the student.

OBLIGATIONS

Recipients have no obligation to Mercedes-Benz U.S. International, Inc. or the Community Foundation of West Alabama. They are, however, required to supply Scholarship America with complete transcripts when requested and to notify Scholarship America of any changes of address, school enrollment, or other relevant information.

REVISIONS

Mercedes-Benz U.S. International, Inc. reserves the right to review the conditions and procedures of this scholarship program and to make changes at any time including termination of the program.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Questions regarding the scholarship program should be addressed to:

Mercedes-Benz U.S. International Scholarship Program

Scholarship America
One Scholarship Way, P.O. Box 297
Saint Peter, MN 56082

Toll-free telephone: 1-800-537-4180
Business hours: Monday through Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. central time zone
Friday 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon central time zone
Saturday and Sunday Closed





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TYPE OR PRINT ALL INFORMATION EXCEPT SIGNATURES

Completeness and neatness ensure your application will be reviewed properly.

Application postmark deadline March 15

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I.D. #	AA	PD	RIC/CS	GPA	SATV/CR	SATM	ACTE	ACTM	TOTAL

APPLICANT DATA

Last Name _____ First _____ Middle Initial _____

Permanent Home Mailing Address _____ Apartment # _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

County: Jefferson Tuscaloosa Other _____

Telephone (_____) _____ E-mail Address _____

Social Security Number _____ Date of Birth: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

Please indicate your status. (For statistical purposes only) Male Female

American Indian /Alaska Native Black/African American Multi-Racial White

Asian Hispanic/Latino Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander

TEAM MEMBER OR GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Last Name _____ First _____ Middle Initial _____

Address (if different from the applicants) _____

Employment Status:
Are you employed by Mercedes-Benz U.S. International, Inc.? Yes No If yes, please complete the rest of this section.

Social Security Number _____ Work Telephone (_____) _____

Fax Number (_____) _____ E-mail Address _____

Job Title _____ Department _____

Division/Subsidiary _____ City _____ State _____

Relationship to Applicant _____ The applicant is a dependent of the employee Yes No

HIGH SCHOOL DATA

School Name _____ High School Graduation Date: Month _____ Year _____

City _____ State _____ Telephone (_____) _____

POST-SECONDARY SCHOOL DATA

Name of post-secondary school you plan to attend. (If unknown, please list in order of preference the schools to which you have applied.)
Use official school names. Do not use abbreviations.

_____ City _____ State _____

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4 yr. College or University 2 yr. Community or Junior College

Vocational-Technical School Other, explain _____

Year in school next year: 1 Other, explain _____

Major or course of study: _____ Expected college graduation date: Month _____ Year _____

Degree sought: Bachelor Associate Certificate Other _____

Sending a resumé does not replace any part of this application. If space provided in any section is inadequate, you may continue on additional sheets. Attachments must follow the same format. DO NOT repeat information already reported on the application form. Your name, address and name of this scholarship program should be included on all attachments.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Describe your work experience during the **past four years** (e.g., food server, babysitting, lawn mowing, office work). Indicate dates of employment for each job and approximate **number of hours worked** each week. List amounts earned at each job.

Employer/Position	From - Mo/Yr	To - Mo/Yr	Hours per Week	Amount Earned

ACTIVITIES, AWARDS AND HONORS

List all school activities in which you have participated during the **past four years** (e.g., student government, music, sports, etc.). List all community activities in which you have participated without pay during the **past four years** (e.g., Boy/Girl Scouts, hospital volunteer, Special Olympics). Note all special awards, honors and offices held.

Activity	No. of Years Partic.	Special Awards, Honors	Offices Held	Activity	No. of Years Partic.	Special Awards, Honors	Offices Held

GOALS AND ASPIRATIONS

Make a brief statement or summary of your plans as they relate to your educational and career objectives and long-term goals.

UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Please describe how and when any unusual family or personal circumstances have affected your achievement in school, work experience, or your participation in school and community activities.

APPLICANT APPRAISAL (REQUIRED)

To the Applicant: This section is required and must be completed in the format provided. If incomplete, your application will not be evaluated. The section is to be completed by a high school counselor or advisor, an instructor, or a work supervisor who knows you well.

To the Adult Appraiser: You have been asked to provide information in support of this application. Please give immediate and serious attention to the following statements. When complete, please return to applicant. If you prefer, photocopy this section and return to applicant in a sealed envelope. A letter of recommendation does not replace this section.

The applicant's choice of a post-secondary educational program is	<input type="checkbox"/> extremely appropriate	<input type="checkbox"/> very appropriate	<input type="checkbox"/> moderately appropriate	<input type="checkbox"/> inappropriate
The applicant's achievements reflect his/her ability	<input type="checkbox"/> extremely well	<input type="checkbox"/> very well	<input type="checkbox"/> moderately well	<input type="checkbox"/> not well
The applicant's ability to set realistic and attainable goals is	<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> poor
The quality of the applicant's commitment to school and/or community is	<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> poor
The applicant is able to seek, find, and use learning resources	<input type="checkbox"/> extremely well	<input type="checkbox"/> very well	<input type="checkbox"/> moderately well	<input type="checkbox"/> not well
The applicant demonstrates curiosity and initiative	<input type="checkbox"/> extremely well	<input type="checkbox"/> very well	<input type="checkbox"/> moderately well	<input type="checkbox"/> not well
The applicant demonstrates good problem-solving skills, follows through, and completes tasks	<input type="checkbox"/> extremely well	<input type="checkbox"/> very well	<input type="checkbox"/> moderately well	<input type="checkbox"/> not well
The applicant's respect for self and others is	<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> poor

Comments: _____

Appraiser's Name _____ Title _____ Telephone (_____) _____

Signature _____ Organization _____ Date _____

TRANSCRIPT INFORMATION

An official transcript of grades **must** be sent with this application. On-line transcripts and grade reports are not acceptable.

All applicants **must** include a high school transcript of grades and have this section completed by the appropriate school official. **(A clear explanation of the high school's grading scale must also be submitted.)**

Applicant ranks _____ in a class of _____	Cumulative Grade Point Average	SAT		ACT	
	Weighted: _____/4.0 scale	Verbal/Critical Reading	Math	English	Math
	Unweighted: _____/4.0 scale				

School Official's Signature _____ Date _____ Title _____ Telephone (_____) _____

School Official's Address: Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

The student is responsible for submitting all materials to Scholarship America on time. Incomplete applications will not be evaluated. This application becomes complete and valid only when Scholarship America has received all of the following materials:

- Student Application with completed Applicant Appraisal
- Current Complete Transcript(s) of Grades (including grading scale)

On-line transcripts are not acceptable.

Postmark deadline March 15

All materials, including transcript, must be addressed to:

Mercedes-Benz U.S. International Scholarship Program
 Scholarship America
 One Scholarship Way, P.O. Box 297
 Saint Peter, MN 56082

CERTIFICATION

Scholarship America has the sole responsibility for selecting recipients based on criteria as set forth in the program's descriptive brochure. This application becomes the property of Scholarship America. (It is recommended that you keep a copy for your files.)

I acknowledge decisions of Scholarship America are final. I certify that I meet the basic eligibility requirements of the program as described in the brochure and that the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. If requested, I agree to provide proof of information I have given on this form. Falsification of information may result in termination of any scholarship granted.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Team Member's/Parent's Signature _____ Date _____