PURPOSE

The Shirley G. Schmitz Foundation, Inc., a 501 (c) (3) non-profit corporation, provides scholarships for education and training leading to starting and operating a business. Acceptable programs include formal college courses offered by accredited universities and community colleges.

The Foundation provides scholarships as incentives rather than rewards for achievement. We enlarge the spectrum by assisting ambitious talent and interceding to shape it. We "set people on course to reshape the future of business."

Our philosophical approach is aggressive, conservative and supporting. Aggressive in seeking and finding ambitious and determined applicants. Conservative in how we analyze and select potential recipients. Supportive of their ambitions and efforts through the course of their education. To invest in future potential has its risks as we take unproven talent and invest money and effort in support of their goals. We help them expand their universe of potential. Scholarships have been awarded to students already well along in their education, students just entering college as well as those in post graduate advanced degree activities.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Here is a partial list of the characteristics of an ideal scholarship candidate:

- Aspirations to start or at some point work in a small business
- High energy level and competitive spirit
- Urgency to improve personal performance
- Demonstrates ethical behavior
- Shows initiative and accomplishments
- Demonstrates integrity, honesty and respect for others
- Driven by quality of performance

ELIGIBILITY

Any United States citizen attending university or college in Arizona who demonstrates ability and motivation is eligible. Special attention is accorded to those with entrepreneurial goals as a part of their future. Recipients must have a high school degree or equivalent and must be enrolled in school during the school year for which the scholarship is awarded.

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APPLICATION PROCESS

To be considered the individual must submit a completed Schmitz Scholarship Application Form. Applicants may apply for the scholarship up to and June 15. Applications received after June 15 will not be considered.

Completed Schmitz Scholarship Application Forms should be mailed to:
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SELECTION PROCESS

Applications are reviewed by a designated panel. The panel recommends which applicants should be considered for interview. All applicants must provide a current address, email address and phone number and respond via email to all Foundation email correspondences. Interviews with selected applicants are held in Tempe, Arizona and are in person. Applicants who cannot participate in these interviews will be disqualified from further consideration. Dates and times for interviews are scheduled by June 30th and are conducted during the later part of July. Qualifiers are informed by email of their interview time. These individual interviews may last an hour.

AWARDS AND BENEFITS

Each year the Foundation Board determines the number of scholarships to be awarded. The amount for first year scholarships is $1,000.00. The awards are paid directly to the recipient and can only be used to support their education for example tuition, training and books. Schmitz Scholars may be eligible to reapply for additional scholarships for up to six years. The additional years have dollar increases which are determined by the Board. In addition to financial support, the Foundation Board offers Schmitz Scholars other professional development activities and events designed to help them expand their entrepreneurial skills.

REAPPLICATION

Past recipients of this scholarship may reapply for continued support. Re-applicants must submit a Reapplication Form that focuses on the impact and use of the earlier scholarship support. To be eligible for additional scholarships, Schmitz Scholars must meet the following requirements:

- Complete a full year with successful academic progress toward achieving their stated vision for the future.
- Submit timely written reports twice per year at the end of each semester. (Three times if attending an institution on the quarter system.)
- Continued enrollment in an Arizona college or university for the coming year.
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Respond to all the questions. If you need additional space, attach and indicate which question the information addresses.

First/Middle/Last Name

Permanent Address

City/State/Zip

Present Address

City/State/Zip

Date of Birth __________________ Place of Birth __________________

USA Citizen? ____ Yes ____ No Gender ____ Male ____ Female

Phone __________________ Email __________________

Describe your recent education and/or professional training. Include degrees, diplomas, honors, etc.

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What academic year is this application being submitted for? ____________________

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Where will you be enrolled during the coming school year? What will your field of interest/major be? When do you anticipate finishing this program?

Describe any recent employment and work experience.

Describe the extracurricular activities and/or community activities you participated in this past year.

Why should the Foundation award you a scholarship?

Write a short story about your life and your vision for the future. Include your interest in starting and operating a small business in the future. What excites you most about what you have done already and what do you want to do in the future?

SUBMIT THIS AS AN ATTACHMENT.
REFERENCES

Provide three references who we can contact. Relatives are not acceptable references. Include a phone number and address for each and their relationship to you i.e. employer, teacher, supervisor, etc.

1.

2.

3.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Income, most recent year ______________________

Financial support for education and development ______________________

Estimated cost of education you are seeking support for ______________________

CERTIFICATION

I hereby affirm that the information provided on this form is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant's Signature ______________________

Date ______________________