

NATIONAL HOT ROD ASSOCIATION  
YOUTH & EDUCATION SERVICES

*SEARS CRAFTSMAN SCHOLARSHIP - 2005*

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Dear Scholarship Applicant:

Enclosed is the application packet you requested for the Sears Craftsman Scholarship, administered by the NHRA Youth & Education Services, Glendora, California.

The application packet includes general information and instructions regarding the scholarship, an application, and two personal recommendation forms. When applying, be sure to read all the instructions thoroughly and complete the entire application. It is recommended you indicate on the personal reference forms the date you need them returned to you.

Applications will not be considered unless all eligibility requirements are met. Late, incomplete applications, or faxed applications cannot be accepted. NHRA is not responsible for lost, late or misdirected mail. Application packets should be returned to:

**Sears Craftsman Scholarship  
NHRA Youth & Education Services  
2035 Financial Way  
Glendora, CA 91741-4602**

**Application deadline: Received by MAY 1, 2005**

The 21 Sears Craftsman Scholarships will be awarded to three individuals in each of the seven NHRA Divisions, representing all 50 states, Canada, Mexico, and Puerto Rico.

Specific questions regarding the scholarship and application process may be directed to (626) 250-2208 between 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM (Pacific Time), Monday through Thursday.

Sincerely,

Rachel Pierce  
NHRA Youth & Education Services

## **SEARS CRAFTSMAN SCHOLARSHIP – 2005**

### **APPLICATION PROCEDURES**

*The Sears Craftsman Scholarship is funded to provide an incentive for graduating high school seniors to continue their education at the post secondary level, while acknowledging the academic achievement, citizenship, extracurricular activities, community service, and work experience of each applicant.*

The scholarships are fully funded by Sears Craftsman and are administered by the Youth & Education Services department of the National Hot Rod Association.

Twenty (20) \$1000 scholarships and one (1) \$25,000 scholarship will be awarded to twenty-one (21) students; three (3) students from each of the seven (7) geographical divisions of the National Hot Rod Association, including all fifty states, Canada, Mexico, and Puerto Rico.

*Scholarship applicants must be seniors graduating from a public, private, or parochial school or education center between January 1, 2005 and June 30, 2005. Applicants must be of good character, possess a minimum 2.5 GPA (on a 4.0 scale), show evidence of leadership ability, involvement in extracurricular school and community activities, and planning to attend an accredited (2 yr. - 4 yr.) college, university, or technical/vocational program. Students with a failing grade during their high school career will not be considered. Scholarship preference will be given to those applicants planning a career in automotive technology, industrial/technical manufacturing, or marketing.*

Applications will be assessed on the applicant's (1) Scholastic record, (2) School activities and community involvement, (3) Personal, handwritten statement (essay), (4) Recommendations, (5) Financial need.

Scholarship application packets must contain the following:

1. Completed application form, including personal statement (essay).
2. Two recommendation forms, one of which must be from a teacher, counselor, or administrator.
3. One official high school transcript indicating **GPA**, and listing all classes and grades through the first semester of your senior year.
4. One or more photos of the applicant performing activities related to career goal, or showing applicant with awards or projects related to their hobbies or interests.

**It is recommended that all application materials (official application, two recommendation forms, one transcript, and photo) be mailed in one packet to the NHRA address listed on the cover letter. (Photocopied application and recommendation forms are acceptable.)**

**Completed application packets must be received by May 1, 2005.**

The 21 scholarship recipients will be notified by June 1, 2005. Due to the number of applications received, notification will be given to the scholarship winners only.

***Scholarships are awarded upon verification of student enrollment in an accredited college or trade/vocational school/program. Scholarship funds will be paid to the designated school in the recipient's name. Scholarships must be claimed within one year of the graduation date listed on the scholarship application.***

The Sears Craftsman Scholarship is available to any applicant regardless of age, race, creed, color, ethnic origin, or personal belief.

Employees and immediate family members of employees, full or part time, of the National Hot Rod Association, Sears, and Wunderman are not eligible for the Sears Craftsman Scholarship.

The application must be completed in full. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Indicate "Not Applicable" (N/A) or "Unavailable" (UN), where appropriate. All application information is for selection purposes only and will be strictly confidential.

## **SEARS CRAFTSMAN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION - 2005**

(Please TYPE or PRINT, blue or black ink only.)

Full name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(last) (first) (middle)

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(street)

\_\_\_\_\_ (city) (state) (zip)

Home phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_

Parents/Guardian name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(List, if different from applicant home address)

High school currently attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation date: \_\_\_\_\_

College/program you anticipate attending? \_\_\_\_\_  
(college/program) (city) (state)

Major course of study \_\_\_\_\_ Career goal \_\_\_\_\_

Length of program. 4 yr. \_\_\_ 2 yr. \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_ (hrs/wks/mos). Estimated annual cost \_\_\_\_\_

What is your admission status? Applied \_\_\_ Accepted \_\_\_ Enrollment date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(month) (year)

Primary source(s) of financial assistance? Family \_\_\_ Loans/Grants \_\_\_ Self supporting \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_

How many siblings, under 18 yr. of age, are living at your home address? \_\_\_\_\_

List any unusual expenses or circumstances (e.g. prolonged family illnesses, unusual personal or family losses, outstanding family indebtedness, etc.) which would impact your financial assistance.

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List work experience (Full time, part time, summer, self-employment, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_  
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List all extracurricular athletics/activities (past/present) in which you participate:  
(athletics/activities) (years involved)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(Attach additional page, if necessary)

List all community, church, or volunteer organizations (past/present) in which you were an active participant.  
(organizations) (years involved)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(Attach additional page, if necessary)

List any special honors or awards you may have received. (Including offices held).  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

List hobbies and special interests. \_\_\_\_\_  
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**PERSONAL RECOMMENDATION FORM**

*This student recommendation should be written specifically for the Sears Craftsman Scholarship.*

**Please limit your remarks to the space provided on the front of this form.**

Please provide a candid evaluation of the abilities, attitudes, and potential of the student, with a brief statement regarding the applicants achievements and activities.

Student name \_\_\_\_\_

How long, and in what capacity, do you know this student? \_\_\_\_\_

**Place the completed recommendation in an envelope, seal, and place your signature across the seal.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Faculty Position/Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

School/Company \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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