

## Desert Club Scholarship Applicant Selection Criteria

Applicants are required to meet the following criteria:

- Graduate in the Class of 2024.
- Attend a Chandler, Gilbert, Mesa, Tempe Union, Higley, Queen Creek or Apache Junction high school.
- Rank in the top 6% to 50 % of their graduating class (top 5% are ineligible).
- Have a verifiable financial need.
- Demonstrate leadership skills in school, employment or community related activities.
- Attend a university, community college or vocational school in **Arizona**.

### Application Process

1) Instructions: Print copies of the reference form to give to each of your references or direct them to our website. Next type all answers below the questions. Then print and mail, or scan and email, with all the required documents as described below.

- Typed application form with photograph.
- Typed Essay - One-page maximum, single spaced, 12pt. font. The essay should speak of events and people that have influenced your life.
- Three references that reflect the applicant's potential for success in college. These should include an educator, business person or employer and one other person. Attach all three references to the application.
- Official high school transcript, including current class standing.
- Copy of your parent's most recent tax return.
- Copy of your driver's license, or Government Issued ID, both front and back.

2) The Scholarship Committee will interview the finalists. Scholarships will be awarded in April, 2024

Please submit the **ORIGINAL** and a copy of the entire application (including photo, references, transcripts, tax return and driver's license) to:

**Desert Club**  
**Attention: Scholarship Committee**  
PO Box 237  
135 N. Center St  
Mesa, AZ 85201-9998

Questions can be addressed by email through  
[christmasideahouse@hotmail.com](mailto:christmasideahouse@hotmail.com)

**Applications must be postmarked or emailed on or before March 1, 2024**

# Desert Club Scholarship Application

## *Arizona Schools Only*

### Personal Information

- Name:
- Address/City/State/Zip:
- Phone Number:
- E-Mail (**all correspondence is by e-mail**):
- Birth date:
- Social Security Number (**must be submitted, if you receive the scholarship**):

### Academic Information

- High School:
- Semesters attended:
- Graduation year:
- GPA:
- Class rank and number of students in your class:
- SAT Score:
- ACT Score:

List academic honors and awards you have received listed by the year received.

### Activities & Leadership

List school and community activities, positions held or honors and awards received.

### Employment History

Were you employed this year?

If yes, please include the following information for all jobs:

- Employer:
- Position:
- Hours per Week:
- Salary:
- Beginning Date:                      End Date:

Do you plan to work the summer of 2024?

### Scholarship Use

Please designate the name of the College, University or Vocation School you will attend:

- College:
- University:
- Vocational School:

**Future Goals**

- What occupation are you preparing for?
- Planned college major or vocational training?
- Length of time required to complete this training?

**About Your Family**

- Father's Name:
- Father's Employer & Position:
- Mother's Name:
- Mother's Employer & Position:
- Parent's combined annual income before taxes (designate one):
  - Under \$10,000
  - \$10,000 - \$35,000
  - \$35,001 - \$60,000
  - \$60,001 - \$75,000
  - \$75,001 - \$100,000
  - Over \$100,001
- Number of dependents, excluding father and mother:
- Ages of brothers and sisters:
- Will any of your brothers and/or sisters be attending college or vocational school at the same time you will?
  - If yes, how many?

**Anticipated Annual Expenses for School Year 2024 - 2025**

- Tuition:
- Books:
- Housing:
- Other:

## Financial Sources

Please list all financial sources that are funding your education including the amount and duration of the funding.

### Additional Sources of Funding

- Scholarships received: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Student Loans: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Financial aid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Amount you plan to contribute to your education this year: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Amount your parents will contribute to you education this year: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- If you do not receive a scholarship from Desert Club, how will you fund your education?

### **DON'T FORGET: Essay - One-page maximum, single spaced, 12pt. font**

Describe an obstacle or challenge you have faced and how you overcame it.

Applicant's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Photo**

Please attach photo.

**Please remember to attach three professional references, parent's tax return, your official high school transcript and your essay.**

### **Disclaimer to be signed by the applicant:**

Desert Club reserves the right to use any of the enclosed information, including photos (excluding financial information and private tax records) for media and publicity purposes.

**Incomplete applications will be discarded.**

Applicant's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Desert Club Scholarship Applicant Professional Reference**

Applicant's Name:

Your Name:

Profession:

Phone Number:

Please describe your relationship with the applicant:

What special attributes does the applicant possess?

Please give an example of the applicant's perseverance or ability to achieve a goal.

Please advise our Scholarship Selection Committee of any special needs or concerns of the applicant?

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