



## **Jack J. Valenti School of Communication Alumni Association Incoming Freshman Scholarship**

The Jack J. Valenti School of Communication Alumni Association is pleased to announce the availability of one \$1,000 scholarship for an incoming freshman who will attend UH in the 2010-2011 academic year while majoring in Communication.

### **The Scholarship**

The scholarship is a one-time award to be paid in two installments (\$500/semester) to assist with tuition, fees and/or textbook expenses. The recipient must enroll full time each semester, and must maintain a GPA of 3.00 or higher at the close of the fall semester to receive the second installment in the spring. This award applies only to the University of Houston and not to the other universities in the UH System (ex. UH-Downtown, UH-Clear Lake and UH-Victoria).

### **Eligibility Requirements**

- Applicant must be a US citizen and/or a permanent Texas resident for consideration of the scholarship.
- Applicant must be a graduating high school senior from Texas who has been approved for admission to the University of Houston central campus in the 2010-2011 academic year without waiver, on an unconditional basis.
- Applicant must enroll full time (twelve hours per semester) at the University of Houston central campus in the fall semester immediately following high school graduation to receive this scholarship.
- Applicant must possess a 3.00 or higher cumulative high school grade point average.
- The recipient must be a declared Communication major and remain so in the spring 2011 semester to receive the second installment.

### **Selection Criteria**

The SOCAA scholarship selection committee shall consider academic performance, financial need, extracurricular activities, and content and style of presentation of the personal statement in making the selection. The committee will also consider the applicant's levels of interest and experience in the field of communication, though experience is not required for consideration. The committee shall determine the relative weight given to each criterion. There are no restrictions to applicants based on gender, race, nationality, physical disability or sexual orientation.

Recipient of this scholarship may apply for (and accept) other scholarships, grants, or awards for which the recipient is eligible. However, if a recipient applies for financial aid, these awards may be used in calculating the eligibility level of the recipient's financial aid.

Top candidates may be asked to participate in a brief telephone interview.

Recipient will be notified in writing no later than April 23, 2010 and is **required** to attend the School of Communication Alumni Association's annual meeting, to be held in August 2010, to accept the award.

### **Application Package Requirements**

Application must be received in the same envelope including recommendation letters and transcript(s). **Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.** Include **all** of the following items in your application package:

- Completed and signed application, including any additional pages used for personal statement.
- Applicant photograph. Only head or shoulder shots, please. School photos are acceptable.
- Official high school transcript(s)
- A minimum of two letters of recommendation. One must come from a teacher, and the other(s) may come from a teacher, advisor, community leader, employer or counselor.

### **Application Deadline**

Application packages must be postmarked by **March 19, 2010** to be considered. Mail complete application package to:

SOCAA Scholarship Committee  
c/o UH Alumni Association  
P. O. Box 230345  
Houston, Texas 77223-0345

**Questions? Call the University of Houston Alumni Association  
at (713) 743-9550 for more information or e-mail us at [alumni@uh.edu](mailto:alumni@uh.edu).**



## **Incoming Freshman Scholarship Application**

### **Personal Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

PeopleSoft ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Academic Information**

Please indicate the high school you are graduating from and the month/year you are graduating:

\_\_\_\_\_

First semester at UH (month/year): \_\_\_\_\_

SAT total score: \_\_\_\_\_ ACT composite score: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade point average: \_\_\_\_\_ (please indicate if your school uses a scale other than a 4.00 scale)

### **Activities & Awards**

On separate sheets of paper, please discuss or list the following:

1. Extracurricular activities and leadership positions held
2. Community service or civic involvement
3. Awards or honors received
4. Other financial aid or scholarships you have already received, or are applying for

Do you plan to work while at UH?  Yes, full time  Yes, part time  No  Uncertain

## **Essays**

On separate sheets of paper, please answer the following essays.

1. Why are you choosing to major in communications? What classroom or extracurricular experience do you have pertaining to communications? What are your educational and career goals?
2. Tell us why you deserve this scholarship. How will this scholarship help you in achieving your goals? Explain your financial need.

**Please double-check that your application is complete. Incomplete applications will not be considered.**

- Completed and signed application
- List of activities and awards
- Essays
- Applicant photograph
- Official high school transcript(s)
- Minimum two letters of recommendation

I certify that the above information is correct and true. I authorize the UH Alumni Association to verify any information relevant to my admission to the University of Houston or claims made herein. I furthermore agree to release any information concerning my records at the University of Houston to any agency necessary for the administration of the scholarships.

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

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