

# Keystone SWANA Grant H. Flint Scholarship Awards Program

## Category 1

### Eligibility and Application Information

#### I. AWARDS:

Keystone SWANA intends to award \$6,000 in scholarships annually. Depending on the number and quality of applications, Keystone SWANA reserves the right to give more or fewer awards in this category and to adjust the number of awards in its other categories for current college students and graduate students.

#### II. ELIGIBILITY:

To be eligible to apply for a Keystone SWANA's Category 1 Scholarship, you must satisfy all three requirements:

- Be a graduating high school senior or hold an equivalent level of education
- Be the natural, adopted, stepchild, or grandchild of a SWANA member in good standing at the time of the recommendation who will act as your Sponsor
- Be accepted for enrollment in a two or four-year college or university in any program of study. SWANA's membership is diverse, and we encourage you to consider how your selected area of study might lead you into our professional ranks.

#### III. DEADLINES:

- **July 1** - All completed application forms and back-up documentation must be received by the Scholarship Chairperson.
- **August** - Scholarship Committee presents award recommendations to the Keystone SWANA Board of Directors for approval.

#### IV. CRITERIA:

The Keystone SWANA Scholarship Committee evaluates the Grant H. Flint Category 1 Scholarship applications on the following basis:

##### A. Academics = 40% of your total score

The Scholarship Committee considers past academic performance an important criterion for selection. Your application must provide enough information to allow the Scholarship Committee to evaluate your academic performance. Here is a list of REQUIRED and OPTIONAL materials used in evaluating Academic performance.

- **REQUIRED:** Provide a transcript from the high school or equivalent most recently completed.

This transcript may be an official or PDF copy of your high school transcript, but it is required to be attached to the application you provide to the Chapter. The transcript must include marks for all courses and a measure of your academic performance in accordance with the school's standardized scoring system. Identify the scale used (e.g., 4.0 on a 4.0). One possible

measure that satisfies this request for students is the grade point average (GPA). Keystone SWANA acknowledges that not all schools use this measure and will accept other measures documented by the transcript.

- **REQUIRED:** Provide a copy of your acceptance letter to the college or university you will attend.

Your letter of acceptance must be attached to the application provided to the Chapter. Failure to provide this documentation is an automatic disqualification from further consideration in the Grant Flint Scholarship Program. The name of the college/university will be referenced on the award check issued by Keystone SWANA.

- **OPTIONAL:** Academic achievement, awards, and honors

If applicable, attach documentation of other academic performance and/or letters of recommendation related to academic performance that will help the Scholarship Committee evaluate your application.

- **OPTIONAL:** Scores from standardized tests

These items are useful to the Scholarship Committee if included but may not be relevant to all geographic areas.

- » ACT score. Include a copy of the test return you received.

- » SAT score. Include a copy of the test return you received.

## B. Extracurricular Activities = 25% of your total score

Extracurricular activities are activities connected with the school but outside the standard curriculum. Students choose to participate in these as part of their school experience. Examples include, but are not limited to:

- Athletics on school-sponsored teams
- Music, drama, debate, and similar performance-related participation
- School-sponsored clubs
- Tutoring other students

Describe your participation, including your level of involvement, role, and when it occurred (number of school years, seasons, etc.). Attach documentation and/or letters of recommendation to help the Scholarship Committee appropriately score this part of your application.

## C. Community Activities and Citizenship = 25% of your total score

Community activities are programs offered or sponsored by entities other than your school. Examples include but are not limited to:

- Groups and volunteer activities sponsored by a faith-based organization (e.g., participation in youth study and activity groups)
- Local community organizations (meal delivery, organized park clean-up, election volunteer, etc.)
- Coaching or officiating youth sports (e.g., Little League, youth soccer programs, etc.)

- High school ROTC participation or military service
- Employment

Describe what you did and how often you participated. Attach documentation and/or letters of recommendation to help the Scholarship Committee appropriately score this part of your application

#### D. Essay = 10% of your total score

· **REQUIRED:** Applicants must write a short, original essay about the topic included in Question 8. The Committee will consider:

- » Relevance to the identified topic
- » Clarity and organization of the work
- » Grammar and punctuation
- » Accuracy and originality

Keystone SWANA considers each essay for its potential as a social media post, regardless of selection for the Grant H. Flint Scholarship.

#### E. Financial Need—not weighted

**OPTIONAL:** Although it is not a weighted factor, the Scholarship Committee can take financial need into consideration during its deliberation. *Please do not attach forms that contain confidential personal information.*

#### F. Disqualification

Applying is not a guarantee of funding. The Scholarship Committee may disqualify an application for any of the following reasons.

- Applicant fails to meet the May 1 deadline for submitting the application.
- Applicant will not be enrolled in classes in the coming semester.
- Applicant does not provide all **REQUIRED** documentation identified above.
- Application contains an essay or substantial parts of an essay written by another person.
- Application is not legible.
- Application is not signed by the applicant and Sponsor where indicated.