

The Kern County Academic Decathlon Association

Scholarship Application



Application Deadline Date: December 15, 2013

Kern County Academic Decathlon Association
1300 17th St.
Bakersfield, CA 93301

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The Kern County Academic Decathlon Association will award one scholarship to a deserving high school senior pursuing higher education at an accredited college or university in the 2014-15 school year. The amount of the award will be \$1000. The scholarship may be used for fees, tuition and/or books or other college-related expenses. The scholarship will be presented at the Kern County Academic Decathlon event on February 1, 2014. The transfer of funds will not occur until the award recipient provides proof of full-time college or university enrollment, which must commence within one year from the date of the award.

I. ELIGIBILITY AND CRITERIA

To be eligible for consideration for this scholarship, the applicant must:

- A. Be a high school senior or equivalent at a Kern County high school.
- B. Have a minimum of a 2.5 grade point average (10-12 grade, -PE).
- C. Have fully participated in all 10 events in at least two Kern County Academic Decathlon competitions.

II. INSTRUCTIONS

Careful adherence to the following instructions will provide uniformity among applications and make it possible for the Kern County Academic Decathlon Scholarship committee to evaluate each applicant fairly. Please read all instructions before you proceed with any part of your application. Type or use dark ink in filling out the forms. All parts of the application must be submitted or the application will be disqualified. The parts include:

A. Application Form

B. Applicant's Letter

- 1) This one-page letter should elaborate on your background and objectives. Neatness and composition are important. This letter should include:
 - A description of your experience with Academic Decathlon and the division in which you competed.
 - A description of how being involved in Academic Decathlon has helped prepare you for future success.
 - A statement of why you wish to continue your education.
 - A description of your career plans.

C. Confidential Statements (2) (request immediately)

- Academic Decathlon coach (required)
- Other school representative

D. Transcript of School Record

(Request your transcript from the registrar immediately.)

III. SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION

The materials referred to in A-D above must be submitted to the following address by the deadline date of **December 15, 2013**:

Kern County Academic Decathlon Association
Scholarship Committee
1300 17th St. – CITY CENTRE
Bakersfield, CA 93301
Attention: Cathie Morris

It is the applicant's responsibility to make certain that all parts of this application are at the above address by the deadline date. If you have any questions, please call: Cathie Morris (Academic Decathlon Coordinator) (661) 636-4593.

To ensure that your application is submitted by the deadline date, please request your transcript and distribute the confidential statements immediately. Also, please provide a postage-paid return envelope to your coach and other school representative upon requesting the Confidential Statement.

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Part A: Scholarship Application Form

Personal Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Home Phone #: () _____ Cell Phone #: () _____

Scholastic Information

High School(s) (most recent first):

Name:

Address:

Activities/Extracurricular Activities in High School (indicate offices held):

Financial Information

1. Anticipated annual cost of tuition, room/board: _____

2. Education Finance Plans (Please check all that apply):

Family assistance

Student loans

Estimated amount (if applicable) \$ _____

Summer employment

Work while in college

Other (please describe): _____

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES (if any) FOR CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION:

College Plans

To which college(es) have you applied?

College Preference: _____

When do you plan to start college? Fall Semester/quarter, 2014
 Winter Semester/quarter, 2014
 other (explain): _____

Anticipated Major in College (if declared): _____

Confidential Statements

Please provide the following information for those submitting Confidential Statements on your behalf:

1. Name of School Official: _____

School Official Title: _____

Telephone: _____

2. Name of Academic Decathlon Coach: _____

Telephone: _____

Have you included Part B (Applicant Letter) Yes No

Have you obtained/requested high school transcript(s)? Yes No

Have you requested the Confidential Statements? Yes No

Student Signature

Date

KERN COUNTY ACADEMIC DECATHLON ASSOCIATION

Confidential Statement

This form should be completed by the Academic Decathlon Coach and a school representative with first-hand knowledge of the applicant.

Name of Applicant: _____ School Name: _____

Coach or School Official Name: _____

Official title/capacity with school: _____

Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____

I. Please rate the applicant using the following scale:

5-Outstanding 4-Better than average 3-Average 2-Below Average 1-Does Not Apply

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| 1. | General attitude - enthusiasm | _____ |
| 2. | Self-reliance | _____ |
| 3. | Leadership potential | _____ |
| 4. | Academic potential | _____ |
| 5. | Interest in higher education | _____ |
| 6. | Teamwork/Collaboration | _____ |
| 7. | Work ethic | _____ |

II. Please respond to the following questions:

1. How long have you known the applicant? _____ In what capacity? _____

2. Please describe the strengths and weaknesses (if any) of the applicant.

3. Other comments, including degree of need for financial assistance (if known):

Date: _____ Signature: _____

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