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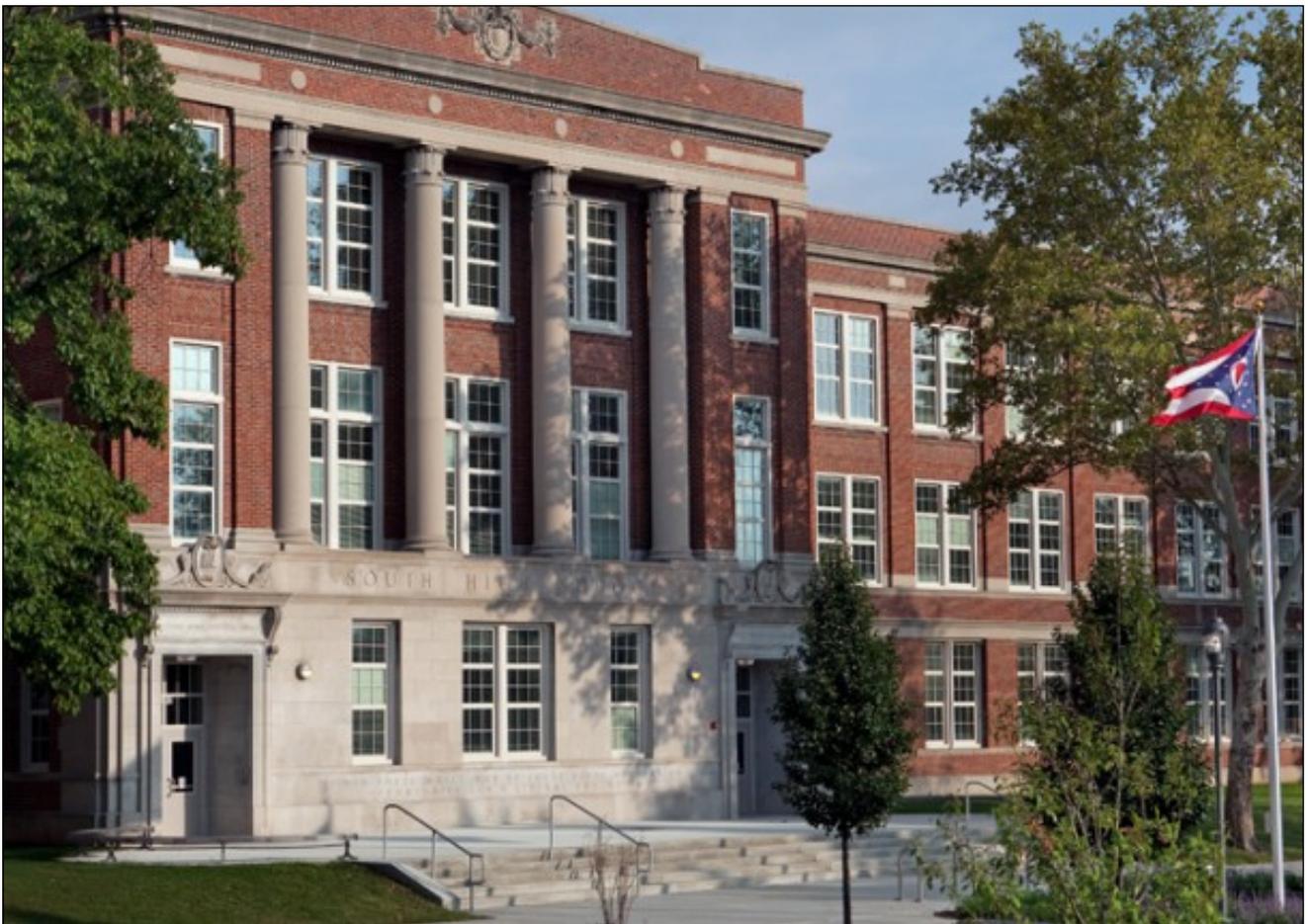
# Scholarship Application Guidelines

## South High School Alumni Association

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# INTRODUCTION

The South High School Alumni Association has nearly 500 members representing graduating classes of more than 100 years. We are a service organization committed to scholarship, citizenship, and maintaining the tradition of excellence and service exemplified by graduates of Columbus South High School.

Although many of us are old enough to be your parents, grandparents, and even great grandparents, we share a common experience with you – we are proud to be Bulldogs! We walked the same halls; we studied in the same classrooms; we were athletes; we sang in the choir; we were band members; we performed on the stage; and we developed friendships that have lasted a lifetime. At the end of the day, we are proud to wear the blue and gray of South High School.

The scholarship fund we have established recognizes the hard work and accomplishments of deserving students by providing funds to assist recipients in their college careers. We are pleased that you have decided to apply for a scholarship.

## GUIDELINES

The application process is broken into two parts: (1) Background information about you; and (2) an essay where you present us with a compelling case for your consideration as an applicant. The process involves four steps.

**STEP 1: Complete the eligibility checklist.** Here is a list of the minimum eligibility requirements. To be eligible, you must answer YES to either question 1, 2, or 3 and YES to question 4.

	<b>ELIGIBILITY CHECKLIST</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>1</b>	I am a student in the current graduating class of Columbus South High School		
<b>2</b>	I am a family member of an active SHSAA member and a senior graduating this year.		
<b>3</b>	I am currently enrolled in an accredited college, university, or trade school and am a graduate of Columbus South High School or a family member of an active SHSAA member.		
<b>4</b>	I have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 as a current high school senior or a 2.5 for the most recent two semesters.		
<b>NOTE</b>	Past recipients can apply for additional support if their answer to item 4 is YES.		

**STEP 2: Write a compelling 750-word essay** that includes the sections described below. We use this essay to evaluate the way you think, communicate, and express ideas that are important to you. There are no right or wrong opinions or answers. Each section will be assessed according to the point scale attributed to each section. Each section should be approximately 150 words. We look for creativity, insights, and content presented in a polished final format. NOTE: Prepare your essay BEFORE you fill out the application. You will be asked to attach your essay file to the online application. We request a pdf format.

	Topic	Description	Point Value
1	Define Success	What does success mean to you? How do you define it? How do you know when you achieve it? Describe how you feel going to college is going to get you closer to realizing this success.	25
2	Education Goals	Describe the goals that you have set for yourself regarding your education. How will these education goals get you closer to the success you have defined for yourself?	20
3	Skills Inventory	Describe specific skills that you have developed and that you depend on to achieve priorities in your life. How do you use these skills on a daily basis? Be specific. For example, are you a problem solver? Are you a good communicator? Do you have talents that set you apart from the crowd?	20
4	Personal Strengths	Describe personal strengths that you feel enable you to be successful. Include emotional, intellectual, creative, leadership, and character strengths. How do these strengths influence others?	25
5	Notable Achievements	Describe specific things that you have accomplished during your high school years for which you are particularly proud. Include leadership positions held, volunteer experiences, academic achievements, athletic achievements, and any other unique accomplishments.	10

**STEP 3: Complete and submit the online application form.** This is where we collect background information from you and where you submit your essay. This step can be completed in a few minutes assuming that you have all of the required information available. Browse through the form BEFORE you attempt to complete it so you know exactly what is expected. **Please note that reference letters are important.** The application form has an email address where the people providing a reference can send their letter. We require that the letter come from the reference person's email account or that it is mailed to our PO Box on their letterhead.

**Step 4: Submit all application information no later than April 30, 2019.**

Good luck! Direct any questions that you might have to:

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# South High School Credo

We, the students at South High are prepared,  
dedicated and engaged in learning.

We are respectful, on time, dressed for success and  
confident.

We are committed to being global thinkers and  
leaders of tomorrow.



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