

Albany Area Chamber of Commerce 2018 Scholarship Application

One graduating senior will be selected each year from Albany Options, South Albany, West Albany, and Santiam Christian high schools (total of 4) as long as each school has an applicant with a score of 80% or higher. If no one in the applying school qualifies, consideration will be given to applicants in the other schools for more than one scholarship.

Each recipient will receive a **\$1500** scholarship to a post-secondary institution: 4-year college or university, 2-year community college, junior college, business college or trade school. The scholarship will be paid directly to the school.

The Albany Area Chamber of Commerce also reserves the right to provide a 5th “*At Large*” \$1500 scholarship to a qualifying high school senior from one of the four high schools.

Criteria:

1. Parent/guardian must be an owner or employee of an Albany Area Chamber of Commerce member in good standing. *The Chamber represents over 550 businesses and 18,000 employees; membership status is available by contacting the Chamber at 541.926.1517 or going to our website – www.albanychamber.com.*
2. Must have a GPA of 2.75 or greater.
3. Must fully complete and turn in application on time.

Please include the following additional information on the attached pages or separate pages.

1. Please describe your college and career plans and how this scholarship will help you achieve your goals.
2. What is the most important role of the Albany Area Chamber of Commerce?
3. List 3 character qualities that you would use to describe yourself and why.
4. List your extracurricular school activities, honors and awards.
5. List your non-school volunteer activities, honors and awards.
6. List your work experiences.
7. Two letters of recommendation.
8. Choose one of these three topics for your written essay. In 500 words or less:
 - A. If you were going to start a business what would it be and how would you start it.
 - B. What role do you believe ethical behavior plays in a business environment?
 - C. In your opinion which system of government works best for business and why?

Selection Process: The Chamber’s Education Committee will make the final selection. Students must make themselves available for personal interview if needed. **Recipients are invited and expected to attend the Chamber Membership Forum on Wednesday, May 30th, 2018 for a formal presentation.**

Deadline: Postmarked on or before Thursday, March 1st, 2018

Mail or deliver to:

**Education Committee
Albany Area Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 548, 435 1st Ave. W., Albany OR 97321**

Please Fill Out the Following Completely - Write/Print Legibly

Name of Scholarship Applicant: _____

Home Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ GPA: _____

Email Address: _____

Name and Address of High School:

Parents/Guardians Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Albany Area Chamber Business Member Affiliation:

Post-Secondary School or Program You Will Be Attending:

8. Choose one of these three essay topics. Essay should be no more than 500 words.
- A. If you were going to start a business what would it be and how would you start it?
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Extracurricular school activities, honors and awards				H.S. Year			
ACTIVITY	POSITION/OFFICE	HOURS/WEEK	1	2	3	4	AWARDS/HONORS

Non school volunteer activities				H.S. Year			
ACTIVITY	POSITION/OFFICE	HOURS/WEEK	1	2	3	4	AWARDS/HONORS

Work experience, positions held during the past 4 years			
EMPLOYER'S NAME	YEAR	HOURS/WEEK	POSITION HELD

I certify that all of the information contained in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

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