



## THE GERALD A. FERGUSON STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

### Overview

The Gerald A. Ferguson Student Scholarship Program was established in order to inspire Mainstreet youth to excel academically and to take an active role in making their community a better place through community service and/or volunteerism. This year one scholarship for \$1,000.00 will be offered to a high school senior living in the Mainstreet Subdivision. **The application deadline is March 22, 2011 by 6:00 p.m.** Late and incomplete applications will not be accepted. A scholarship certificate will be awarded to the successful applicant.

The scholarship funds will be disbursed to the successful candidate's college once the recipient has submitted verifiable proof of enrollment in a two-year or four-year post-secondary institution for summer semester 2011 or fall semester 2011. Proof of enrollment must be provided to the Scholarship Committee members before the student's first semester of enrollment begins, but no later than September 1, 2011. Failure to submit this proof by the due date will result in forfeiture of the scholarship.

Candidates applying for the Gerald A. Ferguson Student Scholarship must meet the following criteria and be able to provide documentation:

1. Applicant's parent(s)/guardian(s) must be a current resident of the Mainstreet Community for a minimum of 12 consecutive months, and parent(s)/guardian(s) must be current with their mandatory Mainstreet monthly assessment for the last 12 consecutive months and throughout the application process.
2. A 2011 high school senior who resides in Mainstreet, and attends another school other than Redan High School, can apply for this scholarship. Redan High School seniors who reside in Mainstreet automatically qualify to apply.
3. Applicant should be enrolled in a two or four-year college program for the summer semester 2011 or fall semester 2011. Proof of enrollment is required.
4. Applicant is to complete and submit the attached scholarship application form in its entirety and meet all application process deadlines.
5. At the time of completing the application, the student must have a minimum grade point average of 3.0. A current and **official** transcript is due with the application packet.
6. Applicant will submit a current letter of recommendation from his/her High School administrator, teacher or counselor.
7. Selected applicant will complete six hours of required community service or volunteer work in the Mainstreet Community upon acceptance of the scholarship award. Volunteer work could include, but is not limited to, Mainstreet event set-up and support.
8. Each applicant will complete the essay and interview steps (see below) and submit a completed application packet to the Mainstreet Clubhouse located at 5001 Mainstreet Park Drive, Stone Mountain, GA 30088, no later than 6:00 p.m. on March 22, 2011.

### Essay and Interview Process

All candidates must participate in an essay writing and interview process. The essay topic is as follows: **"How Can I Help Make the Mainstreet Community A Better Place?"** Essays must be no less than 400 words and must not exceed 410 words. All applicants will be given the same essay topic. Essays must be typed and edited prior to submission. Essays should reflect the writing style and standard of a rising college freshman. **The essay is due with the scholarship application form and other required documents no later than 6:00 p.m. on March 22, 2011.**

All applicants will undergo an oral interview with the scholarship committee at the Mainstreet Clubhouse. Applicants will be notified by telephone about their interview date and time. Professional dress is required for the interview, and applicants should arrive on time. The final candidate will be selected by March 31, 2011, and each applicant will be notified by mail of his/her status. If more details are needed and/or if you have questions, please contact Brenda E. Taylor at 770-879-1877.



This box is to be completed by committee .

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Deadline: March 22, 2011 by 6:00 p.m.

Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

## The Gerald A. Ferguson Student Scholarship Application Form

Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent(s)/Guardian(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Is Mainstreet Monthly Assessment Current for the last 12 months (circle one)?    yes        no

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

Home Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you lived in the Mainstreet Community? \_\_\_\_\_

Name of High School: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite Subject(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite Book(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Hobbies and/or Interests: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Post-Secondary Institution(s) Where You Have Applied or Have Been Accepted: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Post-Secondary Major and Career Choice: \_\_\_\_\_  
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If selected, when are you available to complete your six required community volunteer hours? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Completed application packets are due no later than 6:00 p.m. on March 22, 2011. Late and incomplete applications will not be accepted. Please bring completed application packets to the Mainstreet Clubhouse located at 5001 Mainstreet Park Drive, Stone Mountain, GA 30088. All completed applications must have the following documents:

Application Packet Documents	Due Date	Check if in packet
Scholarship Application Form (Place on top of application packet.)	March 22, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.	
Official Transcript Verifying a 3.0 GPA	March 22, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.	
Recommendation Letter from High School Administrator, Teacher or Counselor	March 22, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.	
Essay (Mandatory 400-410 Words; Typed)	March 22, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.	

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_