

**THE GIRL FRIENDS FUND, INC.**  
**2010 Scholarship Application Packet**

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Applicants or Chapters may download the application, and submit the completed materials to the Sponsoring Chapter, or complete the forms online, print it out and forward it to the Sponsoring Chapter. To get started, go to <http://thegfinc.org/gffund/> and click on the Login link. Click in the box that says "Welcome Applicants" to obtain your username and password. Applicants will receive a temporary password, sent to their email address, so they can save their work and upload the required information when they receive it.

*Remember, all completed applications must be submitted to the sponsoring chapter for nomination and acceptance, **BEFORE** it will be received by the GF Scholarship Committee. An application without a sponsoring GF Chapter will not be accepted or reviewed.*

## **Scholarship Application Checklist**

*Please submit the following materials with your application:*

1. Proof of income for 2009 -Examples: Family 1040 Form, Social Security Award Letter, SSI, Or other.
2. Two (2) letters of recommendation from your teachers or instructors
3. Two (2) letters of character reference from reputable citizens in your community
4. An official school transcript of grades in a sealed envelope
5. A copy of your SAT/ACT scores
6. One wallet sized photograph
8. Personal Essay of 250-300 words
7. Consent Authorization Form and local newspaper information

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF COMPLETED APPLICATION MATERIALS TO THE SCHOLARSHIP CHAIR IS MARCH 17, 2010.**

## ***THE GIRL FRIENDS FUND, INC***

### **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

The Girl Friends Fund, Inc shall provide financial undergraduate assistance to qualified students, particularly African American youth. It is hoped that the scholarship awards will promote achievement and encourage exceptional African American youth to seek professional, business or technical careers.

### **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

Scholarship applicants must:

- A. Be a citizen of the United States
- B. Be currently a graduating high school senior about to enter a four (4) year accredited institution for undergraduate study in the fall
- C. Have a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 or above on a 4.3 scale
- D. Have a SAT score not less than 1200 on a 2400 scale or an ACT score not less than 18 on a 36 point scale
- E. Not be a relative of a member of the Girl Friends, Inc.
- F. Submit an original personal essay of 250-300 words about influences that helped shape your life including community service, extra curricular activities, or a rigorous academic program.

### **APPLICATION PROCEDURES**

- A. Each chapter of the National Girl Friends, Inc. is permitted to submit the application of one student.
- B. One Application Packet will be provided to each chapter liaison representative or President. The following reporting timetable should be observed:

January	Application Packet available for download
March 17	Deadline to submit chapter's nominee to The Girl Friends Fund, Inc.
May	Announcement of winners at Conclave
September	Disbursement of scholarship checks to winners

**C. The finalists shall be selected by the National Scholarship Committee based on the following:**

- a) SAT Scores/ACT scores -15% value**
- b) Grades (Overall GPA) -28% value**
- c) Community Service/Extra Curricula Activities -17% value**
- d) Special Need (financial or other) -20% value**
- e) Personal Essay- 20% value**

#### **AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIPS**

**The Girl Friends Fund Board determines the scholarship awards annually. Scholarships will be awarded for up to four years as long as the recipient maintains the required 3.0 GPA. Individual scholarships will be a minimum of \$1,000.00 per year.**

#### **RENEWAL PROCEDURE**

**Scholarship awards will be renewed annually. The scholarship check will be made payable to the student or college for disbursement in September provided that:**

- 1. The student maintains a minimum 3.0 GPA, evidenced by a complete, official transcript submitted to the Scholarship Committee, at the end of each school year, and**
- 2. The student is enrolled full-time in an accredited four-year undergraduate institution, evidenced by an official verification of the student's enrollment for the Fall Semester submitted to the Scholarship Committee prior to the disbursement of an award check.**

**Any and all information pertaining to the Application Packet must be posted and accepted by the Sponsoring Chapter no later than 11:59 pm on March 17, 2010.**

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**2010 Scholarship Application**  
**\*Required Fields**

Part 1: To be completed by Applicant

Student's

Name\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name

First Name

Middle

Address\*:

Address- City, State, & Zip Code

Gender:\* Male: \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate\*: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Telephone\*: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address:

Verify email address:

[Note: A password will be sent to the email address listed above and should be used to access saved information.]

High School\*:

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name/Address- City, State, & Zip Code

Contact Person\*:

Email Address\*:

Colleges applied to & accepted by\*:

Contact information and email for Registrar or Admission's Office\*:

What major do you plan to pursue?\*

What is your career objective?\*

What is the highest degree that you plan to obtain?\*

Are you related to a member of The Girl Friends, Inc.?\* Yes No

NOTE: A relative of a Girl Friend is not eligible to apply.

Sponsoring Chapter\*:

Contact\*:

Email address\*:





**Verify Email Address:**

**President:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Print Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date**

**Submitted:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Accepted by: [NOTE; A Sponsoring Chapter must ACCEPT the nominated Application, BEFORE it will be forwarded to the GF Scholarship Chair.]**

**THE GIRL FRIENDS FUND, INC.**  
**Authorization**

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Scholarship Applicant (PLEASE PRINT)

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Street Address

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City, State, Zip

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Telephone Number

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Date of Birth

Please submit the name of your hometown daily newspaper as well as the name of any community or African American weekly or by weekly newspaper in your city.

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I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Scholarship Applicant) authorize The Girl Friends Fund Inc., its officers, members, agents, employees, or other persons, including members of the external media, print and/or broadcast, authorized by The Girl Friends Fund. Inc. to interview me, make motion sound, pictures, videotapes, or audiotapes of me for promotional purposes and/or to highlight the activities and accomplishments of its scholars. I agree that the negatives, prints, videotapes, audiotapes, or computer graphics prepared there from may be used for promotional purposes of The Girl Friends Fund, Inc., including newspapers, magazines, web sites intranet, internet, television, billboard, displays, exhibits, audiovisual or multimedia presentations, kiosk-imaging, radio broadcasts, and any other news, public service, or advertisement reason. I further acknowledge that such use may occur at unspecified times after the date of this Authorization.

I acknowledge that any photograph, motion sound picture movies, videotape, or audiotape taken of me will become and remain the sole property of The Girl Friends Fund, Inc. or of the authorized print or broadcast media organization.

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Scholarship Applicant  
Email Address:

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Date

