



# South Carolina Alarm Association George Ball Scholarship

## Rules and Eligibility Requirements

*The following criteria will be used as minimum eligibility requirements and judging criteria for the applicants of the SCAA George Ball Scholarship.*

The scholarship award is in the amount of \$1000 available to qualified high school students. The winner will be presented a check made out in their name and a framed certificate at the SCAA Annual Convention and Trade Show.

The student must be at least 15 years of age and not older than 20. He or she must be a graduating senior who will receive a diploma from an accredited high school, located within the state of South Carolina. He or she must be accepted for admission to an accredited college or university, matriculating the following year.

Each eligible student must have a father, mother or natural guardian who is a full-time, active employee of a company that is a member in good standing with the South Carolina Alarm Association.

Each student must submit a fully completed and signed application postmarked on or before **August 1, 2008**. Failure to follow instructions can result in disqualification.

All materials (including essays) become property of the SCAA. By submitting an application and essay, the student grants permission to publish any and all essays. Applicants also agree that if they win, they will cooperate in publicity efforts, including (but not limited to) participating in interviews with state communications, local, trade press, and submitting photos for inclusion in state chapter publications, press materials and on line. Applicants will make every effort to meet with the SCAA for an award presentation ceremony.

Students must submit the following:

1. completed and signed application
2. essay (typed)
3. proof of enrollment in high school (transcript or letter acceptable)
4. proof of acceptance to a college or university (letter acceptable)
5. proof of parent's occupation (ID or supervisory letter acceptable)
6. copies of SAT and/or ACT test score results submitted by the high school
7. Letter of recommendations from the high school counselor or other outside agency which verifies participation in extracurricular activities

Awards are based on a combination of academic achievement, national test scores, extracurricular participation and the essay. All decisions are final. The score is based on the following:

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| 1. Grade point average | 35 points |
| 2. SAT scores or ACT   | 30 points |
| 3. Essay               | 20 points |
| 4. Extracurricular     | 15 points |



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## STUDENT APPLICATION

*Please type or clearly print all information. Form must be filled out completely and signed.*

### Student Information

Name of Applicant : \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

### High School Information

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Year of HS Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Ranking: \_\_\_\_\_

### Test Scores

SAT Score            Verbal: \_\_\_\_\_ Math: \_\_\_\_\_ Essay: \_\_\_\_\_            Total: \_\_\_\_\_

ACT Score            Verbal: \_\_\_\_\_ Math: \_\_\_\_\_ Essay: \_\_\_\_\_            Total: \_\_\_\_\_

### Parent/Guardian Information

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

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

*Student application continued*

### **Additional Information**

#### **Community & Student Involvement**

Involvement in school and community activities is important and will be thoroughly reviewed by the selection committee. Leadership positions, organizational memberships and school or community activities are important building blocks for future outstanding citizens. An applicant will provide to the Scholarship committee a brief paragraph detailing his/her educational and civic background, future goals, and any other pertinent information.

#### **Writing Sample/Essay**

On a separate sheet(s) of paper, type a 500-750 word essay which explains "What it means to me to have my parent or guardian involved in contributing to the safety, security and peace of mind of the community in present society." The essay must be an original work by the applicant, and all sources cited in a "work cited" section at the end of the essay. The essay once submitted, becomes the property of the SCAA and may be printed in industry publications with the writer's credit. The Essay will be judged for subject relevance, factual accuracy, creativity, interest and completeness of thought and proof.

#### **Applicants who submit this form and meet the appropriate requirements agree to the following:**

All prize winners will be notified in writing.

All applications and writing samples become property of the SCAA.

I verify to the best of my knowledge that all of the information contained in this application is accurate and correct. My parent or guardian has signed this application also, verifying the accuracy if the information contained herein.

I agree to terms and conditioned of the SCAA George Ball Scholarship. I authorize the SCAA to verify all aspects of this application with my high school or the employer of my parent/guardian. I agree to abide by all terms and conditions of the SCAA George Ball Scholarship rules.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this completed application and supporting documents to:

George Ball Scholarship Program  
SC Alarm Association  
PO Box 1763  
Columbia, SC 29202