



EMA SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

2009 Application



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Entertainment Merchants Association (formerly VSDA),
16530 Ventura Blvd., Suite 400, Encino, CA 91436

This application **must** be received **no later** than March 6, 2009

EMA SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION INFORMATION **AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANTS**

Who is Eligible?

Competition is open to high school seniors who will be entering college as a freshman in 2009 as well as undergraduates currently attending college on a full-time basis.

Employees, children and spouses of employees of EMA/iDEA member companies in good standing are eligible for EMA Scholarships. Employee applicants must have completed at least six months of full or part time employment by March 6, 2009. In order for the child or spouse of an employee to be eligible, the employee must have completed at least six months of FULL time employment by March 6, 2009.

How much is the Scholarship Award?

Students will receive a total of up to \$6,000 (US), depending on their current academic status. The scholarships are awarded in increments ranging up to \$1,500 per academic year. Scholarship awards will not become effective until and unless the recipient has been admitted to and enrolls in an accredited four-year college as a full-time student. **The scholarship award will be sent directly to the college at which the recipient is enrolled** and will be credited to the recipient's account for use in accordance with the scholarship policy of the college. The awards may be used for tuition, books or any approved expense relative to the student's college education, subject to the approval of the Financial Aid Officer at the college.

Note: It is the recipient's responsibility to make certain that a certified transcript of his/her grades is submitted to the EMA Scholarship Foundation at the end of each academic year in order to receive funds for the succeeding year. The scholarship must be fully utilized within five years of the date it was awarded.

How are the Scholarship Awards selected?

Awards will be made on the basis of the applicant's academic achievement and financial need. Potential for success at the college level will also be taken into consideration. In this process, College Board Scholastic Aptitude Test scores (SAT) or the American College Test scores (ACT) and personal qualifications will be considered.

The selection of EMA Scholarship winners will be made by the EMA Scholarship Committee in the spring of 2009. All candidates will be notified immediately and lists of winners will be posted on EMA's website: "www.entertainmentmerchantsassociation.org" and be supplied to iDEA/EMA Chapter Presidents.

How do I apply? - A full set of application instructions are outlined below:

Instructions

To Be Completed By Applicant:

1. Fill out the enclosed forms listed below:
 - **Application (Part One)**
 - **Statement of Employment (Part Two).**
 - **Student Aid Report (SAR) (Part Four)** - Your parents **MUST** complete and submit the enclosed. If you are self-supporting and solely responsible for funding your college education, please complete the form yourself.
Applicants who do not return the enclosed Student Aid Report will be deemed ineligible for consideration, since recipients are judged on the basis of financial need as well as academic achievement.

Please mail these completed forms to:

**EMA Scholarship Foundation
16530 Ventura Blvd., Suite 400
Encino, CA 91436**

These completed forms must be mailed to be received no later than March 6, 2009

PLEASE DO NOT USE STAPLES ON ANY DOCUMENTS.

To Be Completed by Current High School or College

2.) The applicant's ***High School Record (Part Three)*** is to be completed by a responsible school official and mailed with a **TRANSCRIPT OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADES** to the EMA Scholarship Foundation to arrive no later than March 6, 2009. If applicant has attended more than one high school or secondary school, a ***High School Record*** must be completed for each school attended.

2a.) College undergraduates must also submit **COLLEGE TRANSCRIPTS**. If an undergraduate applicant has been out of high school for two or more years, a letter of recommendation from an employer will be considered in lieu of the ***High School Record*** and can be sent with a college transcript.

SAT/ACT Scores

3.) **TEST SCORE REQUIREMENTS FOR AMERICAN STUDENTS & THOSE APPLYING TO AMERICAN COLLEGES ONLY.** If still in high school, applicant must submit scores of either the College Board Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or the American College Test (ACT). The identification number for the EMA Scholarship Foundation for the SAT is 3175. The identification number for the ACT is 3618. Test scores for examinations are required by March 6, 2009, as distinguished from tests taken or to be taken for which scores will not be available by March 6th. Request forms for Additional Score Reports are available at your school. Send this form to the College Scholarship Service of American College Testing Program with the appropriate identification number and fee.

Is your application complete?

If the items below have been sent to the EMA Scholarship Foundation for receipt by March 6, 2009, the answer is a YES!

CHECKLIST

To be sent directly to EMA by the student:

- Completed Scholarship Application – **Part One**
- EMA Statement of Employment – **Part Two**
- Completed Student Aid Report (SAR) – **Part Four**

To be sent directly to EMA by school official:

- High School Record or Letter of Recommendation for College undergraduates out of high school for more than 2 years and Official Transcript of high school or college grades (whichever is applicable) – **Part Three**

To be sent directly to EMA by the appropriate companies:

- SAT or ACT scores

