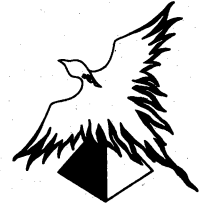


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*Set people on course to reshape the future of business.*



## **PURPOSE**

The Shirley G. Schmitz Foundation, Inc., a 501 (c)(3) non-profit corporation, provides scholarships for education in starting and operating a business. Acceptable programs include formal college courses offered by accredited universities and community colleges in Arizona. Applicants must be enrolled full time.

The Foundation provides scholarships as incentives rather than rewards for achievement. We enlarge the spectrum by assisting ambitious talent and interceding to shape it. Our philosophical approach is aggressive, conservative and supporting. Aggressive in seeking and finding ambitious and determined applicants. Conservative in how we analyze and select potential recipients. Supportive of their ambitions and efforts through the course of their education. To invest in future potential has its risks as we take unproven talent and invest money and effort in support of their business career goals. We help them expand their universe of potential. Scholarships have been awarded to students already well along in their education as well as students just entering college.

## **SELECTION CRITERIA**

Here is a partial list of the characteristics of an ideal Schmitz scholarship candidate.

- Aspirations to start at some point a small business
- High energy level and competitive spirit
- Urgency to improve personal performance
- Demonstrates ethical behavior
- Shows initiative and accomplishments
- Demonstrates integrity, honesty and respect for others
- Driven by quality of performance

## **ELIGIBILITY**

Any **United States citizen** attending university or college in Arizona who demonstrates ability and motivation with entrepreneurial goals as a part of their future. Recipients must be enrolled full-time in college the school year for which the scholarship is awarded.

## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

To be considered the individual must submit a completed Schmitz Scholarship Application Form. Applicants may apply for scholarships up to June 1. Applications received after the June 1 deadline will not be considered. Applications must be complete and legible or they will be rejected.

Completed Schmitz Scholarship Application Forms should be mailed to:

**Shirley G. Schmitz Foundation, Inc.**

**11445 E. Via Linda, Suite 2 #442**

**Scottsdale, Arizona 85259-2638**

## **SELECTION PROCESS**

Applications are reviewed by the Foundation Board, which selects those who should be considered for personal interview. All applicants must provide a current address, personal email and personal phone number and respond via email to all Foundation email correspondences. Interviews with selected applicants are held in Tempe, Arizona and are in person. Candidates for interview are informed on or before July 1. Interviews take place the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in July. Applicants who cannot participate in these interviews will be disqualified from further consideration. Qualifiers are informed by email of their interview time and place. These individual interviews may last an hour.

## **AWARDS AND BENEFITS**

Each year the Foundation Board determines the number of scholarships to be awarded. The amount for first year scholarships is \$1,000.00. The awards are paid directly to the recipient and can only be used to support their education, i.e. tuition and books. Schmitz Scholars may be eligible to reapply for additional scholarships. The additional years have dollar increases that are determined by the Board. In addition to financial support, the Foundation Board offers Schmitz Scholars other professional development activities and events designed to help them expand their entrepreneurial skills.

## **REAPPLICATION**

Recipients of this scholarship may re-apply for continued support. Re-applicants submit a Reapplication Form that focuses on the impact and use of the earlier scholarship support. To be eligible for additional scholarships, Schmitz Scholars must meet the following requirements:

- Complete a full year with successful academic progress toward achieving their stated business vision for the future.
- Submit timely written reports twice per year at the end of each semester. (Three times if attending an institution on the quarter system.)
- Continued enrollment in an Arizona college or university for the coming year.

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**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

Before completing this application, review pages 1 and 2 which define the purpose and requirements for scholarship consideration. If you downloaded the form and these pages are missing, you may get a copy by emailing the Foundation at [schmitzfoundation@cox.net](mailto:schmitzfoundation@cox.net).

**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

*Respond to all items. The information must be legible on the application or it will not be accepted.*

First/Middle Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Present Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

USA Citizen?  Yes  No Gender  Male  Female

Phone (cell) \_\_\_\_\_ Personal email \_\_\_\_\_

What academic year is this application being submitted for? \_\_\_\_\_

Where will you be enrolled during the coming school year? And, what will your field of interest/major be? When do you anticipate finishing this program?

Describe your recent education. Include diplomas, honors, etc.

Describe the extracurricular activities and/or community activities you participated in this past year. Include activities which cover your entrepreneurial skills and goals.

Describe any recent employment and work experience.

**Why should the Foundation award you a scholarship?**

**Write a short story about your life and your vision for the future. Include your interest in starting and/or operating a small business in the future. What excited you most about what you have done already and what do you want to do in the future? SUBMIT THIS AS AN ATTACHMENT.**

**REFERENCES**

Provide **three** references that we can contact. Relatives are not acceptable references. Include a phone number and address for each and their relationship to you i.e. employer, teacher, supervisor, etc.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

Income, most recent year \_\_\_\_\_

Financial support for education and development \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated cost of education you are seeking support for \_\_\_\_\_

**CERTIFICATION**

**I hereby affirm that the information provided on this form is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.**

**Applicant's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_