

# **GHACC Haitian American Development Scholarship**

## **QUALIFICATIONS INCLUDE:**

- Applicant must be enrolled in an accredited university, 2- or 4-year college/university, and/or trade school.
- Full-time and part-time students may apply
- Full-time status is 12+ credits (semester) and 6+ credits (term)
- Part-time status is 6+ credits (semester)
- Be of Haitian descent
- High school or college transcript showing continued academic progress, which must show a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, is required.
- Applicant must be a U.S. citizen, a legal permanent resident, on a student visa, or have a Temporary Protected Status (TPS). The program is only open to legal residents of the Tri-County Area (Orange, Seminole and Lake County).

## **APPLICATION PROCESS AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:**

The GHACC Development Scholarship will be granted to students based on, but not limited to the following:

### 1. Submit Essay in Proper Format

a). Essay Question 1: Tell us about a situation when you had to overcome barriers and demonstrated leadership to achieve a goal.

b). Essay must be typed; Times New Roman style font; 12 point font size; Double-spaced), no more than two pages.

### 2. Letters of Recommendation

Two (2) letters of recommendation, at least one must be from a professor.

### 3. One-Page resume

4. When available, applicants must submit verification of enrollment from their academic institution, reflecting the semester for which they have enrolled. This statement must also include the number of credit hours, full-time/part-time status, and the tuition amount with the list of other scholarships or grants already applied to defray the costs.

5. Your biography

6. Professional Head Shot/Picture

7. Your supporting documents must be uploaded/attached through the online database with your application.

8. Letter of recommendations must be requested through the online database; but you are advised to notify your recommenders in advance.

Successful candidates will demonstrate their desire and ability to overcome barriers to achieve their goals. Your application will be evaluated on your:

- Individual determination to succeed
- Future goals and plans to achieve them
- Ability to communicate the hardships you have overcome or currently face
- Self-motivation in completing challenging coursework
- Demonstrated need for financial assistance

### **SELECTION PROCESS:**

Scholarship winners will be chosen by a committee and the applications will be reviewed without the applicant's name. The selection process will be conducted by Scholarship Committee lead by a Chair and overseen by the Executive Board of GHACC.

Students will be notified by e-mail that they have been awarded or denied. This decision is final.

1. Awarded students are required to write thank-you letters to specified donors in the time allotted.

2. Thank You letter must be typed, signed, and at least one page in length in 12 point font.

3. Thank You letter must be mailed/emailed to The Greater Haitian American Chamber of Commerce.
4. The names of the donors will be listed on the award letter so that the student can address the thank you letter accordingly.
5. Disbursement: Award payments will only be made payable to educational institutions after a bill from the Bursar or Registrar has been submitted.
6. All checks will be mailed to the Financial Aid Office of the recipient's academic institution after The Greater Haitian American Chamber of Commerce of Orlando receives thank you letters. There are no exceptions to this rule.
7. Scholarship recipients who withdraw or drop out of school for any reason, other than a medical discharge from a doctor, are accountable to repay their award in full.
8. Any changes in academic or personal status require written notification to The Greater Haitian American Chamber of Commerce of Orlando immediately. Failure to do so may result in a termination of the scholarship award. This includes academic changes from full-time/part-time status, change in tuition amount, and/or change in school being attended.
9. Personal changes include: mailing address, marital status, and/or change in name.
10. The Greater Haitian American Chamber of Commerce of Orlando reserves the right to grant or deny a scholarship on the basis of the stated "Policies and Procedures," according to decisions made by the Executive Committee, or for any reason that we deem necessary.

**PLEASE NOTE:** All documents received will become property of The Greater Haitian American Chamber Commerce of Orlando and will have your permission for review.

**Financial assistance is provided through charitable donations from private donors. The amount and number of awards (for each deadline) may be subject to change.**

**For more information or concerns please contact The Greater Haitian American Chamber of Commerce of Orlando (GHACC) [info@ghacc.org](mailto:info@ghacc.org).**