

AXA Achievement Scholarship Program

Award: 52 State Winners- \$10,000
10 National Winners- \$25,000

Deadline: December 25th (important note: only the first 10,000 applications will be accepted)

Descriptive words used to describe their winners and values:

- Ambition & drive
- Determination to set and reach goals
- Respect for self, family, and community
- Ability to succeed in college

Examples given about standout achievements of their winners:

- Establishing a nonprofit volunteer organization building wells in rural India to provide clean water
- Starting a literacy and leadership program for elementary school children
- Creating a multi-faceted anti-bullying campaign
- More examples/ winner profiles: <http://www.axa-equitable.com/axa-foundation/achievement-scholarship-winners-photos.html>
- *These examples lead me to believe they place a high value on self-starters and people who show initiative.*
- *Most of their winners have started some sort of major service project.*

Key ways I can stand out:

- The fundraiser I started in my school to raise money for breast cancer research
- The environmental initiative I started with my friends, teaching elementary school students how to maintain a more “green” lifestyle
- My academic track record- showing that I was able to constantly improve and reach my goal of bringing my GPA up to a 3.8

Evans Scholars Foundation

Award: 200 new full tuition & housing scholarships (at designated universities) (renewable)

Deadline: September 30th

Descriptive words used to describe their winners and values:

- Strong caddie experience
- Excellent academics
- Demonstrated financial need
- Outstanding character
- High school evaluation & caddie evaluation required

Examples given about standout achievements of their winners:

- Girl who worked as a caddy in high school to save money for college, while also being an active volunteer and having strong academics
- Boy who is first-chair tuba in band, wrestles on his high school team, worked three summer jobs, is an Eagle Boy Scout, speaks two languages, studies at least four hours a day, and averages about 75 loops per summer
- Another girl does work for Habitat for Humanity, sends money to a hospital in Africa to help support AIDS programs, and really misses her dad, who died five years ago.
- *The scholarship program requires an interview- compelling stories seem to be a distinguishing characteristic. Examples:*
<http://www.wgaesf.org/atf/cf/%7BADAD6519-79A3-4DD1-8611-C3E89A1C78CE%7D/ESPN%20selection%20meeting.pdf>
- *Well-roundedness seems very important to this organization. They also seem to place a high value on overcoming obstacles.*

Key ways I can stand out:

- Discussing my extensive golf caddy experience
- Discussing the challenge of overcoming the death of my sister
- Sharing the wide range of activities I've participated in to demonstrate well-roundedness
- Expressing my desire to make a difference in the world, and sharing what I've already done to work towards it

Buick Achievers Scholarship Program

Award: 1,000 Awards for \$2,000 (one-time awards)
100 Awards for \$25,000 (renewable for up to 4 years)

Deadline: February 28th

Descriptive words used to describe their winners and values:

- Academic achievement and financial need
- Participation and leadership in community and school activities
- Work experience and interest in pursuing a career in the automotive or related industry
- Noted that special consideration will be give to students that are: first-generation college, female, minority, military veteran or a dependent of military personnel
- "The majority of the scholarships will be awards to students majoring in Engineering/ Technology fields". Major must fit within the list of eligible majors listed on their website at:
<http://www.buickachievers.com/faq/#majors>

Examples given about standout achievements of their winners:

- Recognized for designing award winning automotive seats and tires, and for building a street legal electric car
- Community Service Chairperson for the Phi Gamma Kappa Organization and a Volunteer Dance Teacher.
- Establishing a non-profit organization that has motivated thousands of individuals to take action to protect marine ecosystems from deterioration.
- More examples/ winner profiles: <http://www.buickachievers.com/past-achievers/>
- *All of their highlighted winner profiles demonstrate strong examples of community service, however their interests and areas of participation are very diverse.*
- *Leadership and initiative seem highly valued*

Key ways I can stand out:

- Plan to major in Mechanical Engineering
- First generation college student
- The internship I did last summer in the auto industry
- Listing extensive community service participation, including highlighting one of the programs I started (to demonstrate leadership & initiative)