



Application Materials

IMPORTANT: Retain a copy for your records after completing application.

Deadline for application materials to be received:

April 1st

Eligibility

- Minimum of one year of full-time service at the Walt Disney World Resort in the character department at any of the Orlando resorts or two years as a part-time or seasonal employee. Or the dependent of an employee that meets the employment criteria.
- Responsible for providing proof of a minimum of one year of full-time service at Walt Disney World Resort in the character department. We will accept proof from Walt Disney World HR department, pay check stubs, or references from two fellow employees known to Board Members.
- Acceptance to a federal financial aid, degree or certificate awarding, post-secondary institution.
- Receipt of all materials by the application deadline.
- Additional consideration is given to applicants majoring in education, health professions and social services. Any applicant majoring in the creative arts will automatically be eligible for the Sheldon Pickney Scholarship for the Creative Arts.
- Scholarship awards are based on a combination of factors including essay, GPA and academic career goals. Awards are competitive and limited. Applicants are encouraged to apply each year regardless of outcome.
- Award funds are only guaranteed for the amount awarded by the committee. These are one time awards. Applicants and recipients are required to apply each year. Annual amounts may vary.

- Scholarship criterion is subject to change.
- Preference is given to a current or former cast member of the Walt Disney World® Character department.
- Incomplete applications will not be accepted.
- The scholarship committee reserves the right to disqualify any candidate for misrepresentation of self on the application.
- Recipients are required to provide official proof of enrollment after the drop/add period of each term. Failure to do so will result in loss of funds for next term.

Scholarship Application Materials for First Time Applicants

- Completed scholarship application
- Current, official (*not a photocopy*) transcripts **mailed directly from applicant's post-secondary institution** (*transcripts received from other than institution will not be accepted, no exceptions*) or high school transcript. If the applicant has been out of high school five years or more, and there has been no post-secondary institution enrollment, please submit two personal references in lieu of high school and post-secondary transcripts.
- Employment verification from the Walt Disney World Company®, (*employment verifications received from other than Walt Disney World Company® will not be accepted, the only exception is the submission of references in lieu of verification*). Children must submit employee verification of their parent.
- Personal essay (**no more** than two double-spaced pages, 12-point Times New Roman font, one-inch margins all-around) addressing the following: area of study, why the area of study was chosen, career goals, how the applicant's experience in the Character department lead to personal development, and how that personal development will help the applicant be successful in her/his anticipated career. Children of cast members should address area of study, why the area of study was chosen and career goals.

Scholarship Application Materials for Former Recipients of an Area 3 Scholarship

- Please submit a completed application.
- Submit official transcripts.
- Please submit a paragraph or two (250 words) on how being a previous recipient of an Area 3 Foundation award has benefited you.

Application procedure

Completed application **may be submitted electronically to** scholarship@area3foundation.org **(preferred)** or mailed directly to:

**Area 3 Foundation
13046 Racetrack Rd., Suite 163
Tampa, FL 33626**

Transcript must be mailed directly from high school and/or post-secondary institution. If providing personal references in lieu of transcripts, reference contact information must also be provided. Employment verification must be verifiable through a paycheck stub or other means of verification. If documents are received from alternate locations application will be considered incomplete and not eligible for review.

Please note that former Character department cast members have priority over children of employees.

Notification

Notification letters will be mailed to the permanent address that is specified on the Area 3 Foundation application. It is the responsibility of the applicant to notify the Area 3 Foundation of any change to the permanent address. Applicants who have not received notification by June 1 are invited to email the Foundation to check their status.

After selection, recipient must complete and return the acceptance form by the date specified on the notification letter. Failure to return the acceptance form by the specified date will result in forfeiture of the award. If an award is forfeited, it will be awarded to the next eligible applicant.

Award disbursement

Scholarship awards will be made in two disbursements; the first at the start of the first semester or quarter, the second at the start of the second semester or quarter but only after enrollment verification is received.

Applicant must be available for personal interview.

Area 3 Foundation Scholarship Application

This form, with applicant's original ink signature and supporting application materials must be received by the A3 Scholarship Foundation office by April 1st. **Application files that are incomplete after the application deadline will not be reviewed – no exceptions.**

Please type or print.

Employment dates in Entertainment (self or parent): MM/YYYY to MM/YYYY

Name: _____

Name of Parent, if applicable: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Program of Study: _____

Name of Institution: _____

I certify that I have read and understand the information provided. The information I am supplying on this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief, I am eligible to be considered for this scholarship award.

Applicant Signature _____ **Date** _____

Please submit essay separately.