

# COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION—20XX

*Responses in the application as well as the essay must be typewritten.*

*Your complete application must be received by AG Bell no later than 5:00pm EST on March 10, 20XX.*

## IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

Applicant Name (First, MI, Last): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY) \_\_\_\_\_ Gender:            Male            Female

Complete Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

*Communication throughout the process is conducted only via email.*

Is applicant or applicant's parent a current AG Bell member?            Yes            No

*Note: AG Bell membership may be required for some scholarships*

## HEARING HEALTH & COMMUNICATION INFORMATION

Is your hearing loss bilateral?    Yes    No

Age when hearing loss was diagnosed: \_\_\_\_\_ Pure Tone Average\*: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*This must be completed for your application to be considered. If you have a cochlear implant, indicate "CI". If you do not have a cochlear implant and your PTA is less than 60 dB in your better-hearing ear, you do not qualify and should not apply.*

If applicable, age at which applicant was fitted with hearing aid(s): \_\_\_\_\_

If applicable, age at which applicant received cochlear implant(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant uses Listening and Spoken Language as the primary mode of communication:            Yes            No

What other method(s) of communication and educational support service(s) are used in daily communications and educational settings? *Check all that apply.*

\_\_\_\_\_ Speech Reading

\_\_\_\_\_ Sign Language System (ASL, Signed English, Finger Spelling, etc.). If checked, please indicate:

I use sign language with:

\_\_\_\_\_ Teachers/professors            \_\_\_\_\_ Friends who are deaf            \_\_\_\_\_ Friends with typical hearing

\_\_\_\_\_ Other (please describe): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Cued Speech            \_\_\_\_\_ Note taker            \_\_\_\_\_ Oral Interpreter(s)

\_\_\_\_\_ Communication Access Real-time Translation (CART)            \_\_\_\_\_ Sign Language Interpreter(s)

\_\_\_\_\_ Auditory Listening Device, such as FM System or FM SoundField

\_\_\_\_\_ Other (please describe): \_\_\_\_\_

## ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Applicant's Current Educational Status:

\_\_\_\_\_ High School Senior  
\_\_\_\_\_ College Freshman    \_\_\_\_\_ College Sophomore    \_\_\_\_\_ College Junior  
\_\_\_\_\_ College Senior/Rising Graduate Student  
\_\_\_\_\_ Rising Graduate Student    \_\_\_\_\_ Graduate Student, first year    \_\_\_\_\_ Graduate Student, second year  
\_\_\_\_\_ Rising Doctoral Student    \_\_\_\_\_ Doctoral Student, first year    \_\_\_\_\_ Doctoral Student, second year

Current high school seniors need to complete this:

High school **non-weighted** cumulative GPA\*: \_\_\_\_\_ on a scale of: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Must be at least 3.25 on a non-weighted 4.0 scale (or scale equivalent) to be eligible; non-weighted cumulative GPA must be officially provided by the school, if not on the transcript, then in a separate letter. Official transcripts are a required element.*

Non-U.S. Applicants, please indicate your non-weighted GPA equivalent based on your country's educational system: \_\_\_\_\_

*Cumulative GPA, equivalent or percentage grade must be provided on transcript or in a letter from a school official.*

Current or returning college students need to complete this:

College cumulative GPA\*: \_\_\_\_\_ on a scale of: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Must be at least 3.25 on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent) to be eligible. Official transcripts are a required element.*

Non-U.S. Applicants:

please indicate your GPA equivalent based on your country's educational system: \_\_\_\_\_

*Cumulative GPA, equivalent or percentage grade must be provided on transcript or in a letter from a school official.*

## COLLEGE INFORMATION

For the 2017-2018 academic year,

\_\_\_\_\_ I am attending or will attend: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I have applied to (list top three colleges): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ If accepted, I plan to attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: If you have not yet heard from all of the colleges you applied to or haven't made a final decision about where you'll attend college, once you have made a decision, please inform AG Bell by sending an email to \_\_\_\_\_

This information will be forwarded to the review committee during their deliberations.

Expected date of graduation/degree completion: \_\_\_\_\_

Areas(s) of academic concentration/major(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Career plans, in general: \_\_\_\_\_

Please tell us, in general, how you plan to pay for college and if you have other scholarships.

If you are selected to receive an AG Bell College Scholarship, please tell us how you would use the award.

## **DEMONSTRATION OF LEADERSHIP**

In the space below, cite one example of leadership that will introduce us to the accomplished person you are. *It's helpful if you can answer questions such as: What did you do/what was your part in the project? What new information did you learn? What did you discover about yourself, about others, about the world? Where did you shine? What areas of improvement did you discover? Do not include a separate sheet of paper for this question.*

If you've been featured in a published article for an achievement or demonstration of leadership that is available online, you may include the URL at the end of your narrative paragraph(s). Do NOT attach a copy of the article; it will not be forwarded to the review committee.

## **DEALING WITH CHALLENGES**

In the space below, please tell us briefly about one situation that was challenging for you because of your hearing loss and how you resolved or dealt with the situation. *Do not include a separate sheet of paper for this question.*

## APPLICANT ESSAY

Select one of the following topics for your essay.

- You have successfully completed your collegiate studies and obtained your degree. Now you are interviewing for your dream job. Describe what this job is and why you should be hired.
- You have been elected president/leader of your country. What issues are you going to work on during your term, why have you chosen to focus on these issues, and how are you going to solve them?
- Describe an event or interaction that had a significant impact on you. Why was it significant? How were you impacted? What were your thoughts and reflections on this event at the time and since? How has that event or interaction changed you and/or the direction of your life?
- Describe what your life is like 15 years from now and the impact that you have had on those around you, personally, professionally or both. (Alternative: Write a descriptive obituary for yourself.)

NOTE: Previous AG Bell Scholarship recipients may write a specific essay about your college experience. Graduate students may wish to focus on their research in their essay, which is encouraged.

*Your essay must be typed and is limited to one single-sided page. Margins and font style/size are not dictated, as long as the essay is easily read without magnification. Handwritten essays and essays longer than one page will render the entire application ineligible.*

## FREE FORM SHARING (optional)

This is a chance to tell the committee something special about you that you haven't already shared.

*Do not include a separate sheet of paper.*

## UNDERSTANDING AND AGREEMENT

I certify that I use listening and spoken language as my *primary* mode of communication and that, to the best of my knowledge, all information contained in this application is true and accurate.

I understand that if I am selected to receive an AG Bell College Scholarship Award for the 2017-2018 academic year, AG Bell will release information stating this along with my name and city and state of residence to the media and/or the AG Bell community.

I understand that the receipt of a College Scholarship is contingent upon my full-time attendance at an accredited mainstream four-year college or university in the coming academic year.

Student/Applicant Signature (required): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature, if applicant is under 18: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP RECOMMENDATION REQUEST

**To the applicant:** please copy this and the following page and give both to each person from whom you are requesting a letter of recommendation.

**To the Recommender:** You are receiving this recommendation request in support of an application for an AG Bell Internship/Scholarship for the 2017-2018 academic year. This is a merit-based program and award selection is extremely competitive. The information you provide is a critical element of the student's application.

In a one- or two-page single-sided letter, preferably on your business or organization's letterhead, please address the following characteristics of the applicant:

- ✓ What is it about the applicant that makes him or her stand out from his or her peers?
- ✓ What are some things at which the applicant excels?
- ✓ What are some areas or skills which the applicant is working to improve?
- ✓ Describe how the applicant interacts with her or her peers, teachers, professors, etc.
- ✓ You may share any other information you feel would be helpful, such as the applicant's motivation, intellect, creativity, discipline and maturity. It would be most helpful if you can recall specific instances in which these qualities were revealed to you.

Note: the applicant's transcripts are included in the application; we do not need to know about grades, but are interested in a descriptive narrative about growth, achievements, abilities and potential.

Please Also Note:

- The review committee comprises individuals who work in the field of education and who are familiar with hearing loss, hearing technology and accommodations, so you do not need to describe these in detail.
- Letters longer than two pages will disqualify the applicant.
- Please do NOT staple pages together.
- Information must be provided on a single side of each page; the back of pages will not be transmitted to the review committee.
- Please submit your recommendation to \_\_\_\_\_ with the student's name in the title, or by mail to AG Bell, 3417 Volta Place NW, Washington, DC 20007.
- If your position/employer precludes you from completing the cover sheet, please let the applicant know so he or she may find another reference. Cover sheets that indicate "I cannot complete this" or have a lot of "cannot judge" boxes checked will result in a poor score for the applicant, significantly reducing his or her chance for a scholarship.

**VERY IMPORTANT:** *Your letter of recommendation AND cover sheet must be received by AG Bell no later than **March 10, 2017**. ~~The cover sheet is a required element of your reference~~; if it is not included, the student's application will be considered incomplete. Submit your letter via email to: mail to: abc@gmail.com Bell College Scholarships/3417 Volta Place NW/Washington, DC 20007.*

# COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION COVER SHEET A cover sheet is required from each reference

Name of student applicant \_\_\_\_\_

To the individual making this recommendation:

The above-named student has asked you to provide a letter of recommendation for a College Scholarship. ***Please complete this form and include it with your letter of recommendation. This is a required element of the application.***

How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

In the table below, please indicate how the applicant ranks in comparison to other students of the same year, i.e. other high school seniors, other college sophomores, other graduate students.

Characteristic	Top 2%	Top 5%	Top 10%	Top 25%	Top 50%	Bottom 50%	Cannot Judge
Intellectual Depth							
Willingness to Work Hard							
Creativity/Imagination							
Emotional Maturity/Stability							
Motivation/Perseverance							
Writing Ability							
Skill in Oral Presentations							
Professional Potential							
Critical/Analytical Thinking							
Personal/Interpersonal Skills							
Collaborative Ability							
Independence/Initiative							
Reliability/Responsibility							
Work Ethic							

If you had one scholarship to award personally and the top 10 students in your school/class applied, would you award the scholarship to this student?                      Yes                      No

My overall recommendation for this applicant is:

Very Strong      Strong      Average      Below Average      Recommend with Reservations

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_