

S.A.G.E.



Scholarship for Advanced Guyanese Education

Application for Award of Scholarship

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Submission due May 2, 2010

Please post this application and all additional materials to the following address:

**University of Guyana
Students' Welfare Division
Registry
Turkeyen Campus
Greater Georgetown**

Dear UG applicants:

We are writing to introduce S.A.G.E. (Scholarship for Advanced Guyanese Education). We are a group of former World Teach volunteers who taught in secondary schools throughout Guyana. We have established a scholarship fund for promising secondary school students who would like to attend the University of Guyana, but who do not have the financial means to do so. Student applicants must also be committed to contributing to Guyana's development once they have graduated from UG. The University of Guyana will make an initial short-list of applicants. From this short list, SAGE will make a final selection.

For selected applicants, our scholarship will fully fund a four-year degree programme at the University of Guyana.

In order to apply for our scholarship, students must complete the University of Guyana application, as well as additional application materials. They are attached to this cover letter, and must be mailed to the University of Guyana along with the general application by **May 2, 2010**. They include:

Part I.	Personal Information
Part II.	Academic Qualifications
Part III.	Essay
Part IV.	Letter of Recommendation
Part V.	Proof of Financial Need
Part VI.	Scholarship Contract

SAGE will choose scholarship recipient(s) to start school in semester 1 of 2010. Again, we are looking for applicants who have strong academic potential, limited financial means, and are dedicated to developing Guyana. If you wish to apply, please complete **ALL PARTS** of the enclosed application, and mail them to the University of Guyana, along with your University application and proof of financial need. Scholarship recipients will hear from us shortly after notification of acceptance to UG.

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Please contact the Students' Welfare Division at the University of Guyana with any questions via telephone number 222-5423 or e-mail address ugstudentswelfare@yahoo.com. You may also email our organization at apply@sageguyana.org, or check out our website: www.sageguyana.org.

Best wishes,

S.A.G.E. Board of Directors

PART I. PERSONAL INFORMATION - *To be completed by the student applicant*

Name:

Surname

First Name

Middle Name(s)

Date of Birth:

____/____/____
DD MM YYYY

Gender:

- Male
 Female

Ethnicity:

(check all that apply)

- Afro-Guyanese
 Indo-Guyanese
 Amerindian
 Chinese-Guyanese
 Other _____

Home Address:

Telephone Number:

E-mail Address :

(if available) _____

Emergency Contact Information :

_____	_____
Name	Telephone Number
_____	_____
_____	_____
Address	Relation to you

Household Members:

Name	Age	Occupation

How did you finance secondary school fees?

- Family Financial aid
 Independently Other

If you marked 'Financial aid' or 'Other', please describe:

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- Family Financial aid
 Independently Other

If you marked 'Financial aid' or 'Other', please describe:

For additional household members, please attach an additional sheet with requested information

PART II. ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS - *To be completed by the student applicant*

Secondary School Information

_____	_____
School Name	School Address
_____	_____
Name of Headmaster/mistress	School Telephone Number

School E-mail Address (if available)	

Extra Curricular Activities:

Please list and explain any extra academic or non-academic activities in which you have participated. (i.e. sports, clubs, church activities, childcare, performances, hobbies, etc...)

Intended Start Date: ____ / ____ / ____ MM YYYY	Intended Major: _____	Intended Career: _____
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CXC Examination Subjects and Scores

Subject	Score	Date written

For additional scores, please attach an additional sheet with requested information

PART III. ESSAY - To be completed by the student applicant

On a separate sheet of paper, please choose **ONE** of the following essay prompts and answer all parts of the question. Write your response in **MORE THAN 500 words**.

ESSAY OPTION (1) (Answer ALL parts of the question)

- A. Give reasons (drawing from your own personal experience and point of view) why you chose to apply to the programme of study that you selected. (Your reasons should not be general, but instead be specific to you!)
- B. Explain how you will use your degree in your specific programme of study in order to help build a better Guyana. Please use specific details and examples in your answer.

OR

ESSAY OPTION (2) (Answer ALL parts of the question)

- A. Describe an activity in which you were involved, or an experience you had when you worked to improve your community or to benefit others in your community. (For example, this may be a time when you organized an event, volunteered, participated in a school or church event, or were involved in a project to develop your community.)
- B. Consider your experience from part (A). How will you use the new knowledge that you gain from your post-secondary education/training, together with your previous experiences, to help to improve your community or country?

PART IV. LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION -
To be completed by a SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHER of the applicant

To the teacher:

Please address all of the following questions about the applicant on another piece of paper. The recommendation should be in letter format.

Since it is important that we receive honest and confidential feedback about the applicant, we request that you return this letter of recommendation to the student in a **SEALED** envelope bearing the school's official stamp. This student must mail your sealed envelope to the University of Guyana along with all other application materials.

Please speak to the following (in letter format):

- I. Your name, how many years have you been teaching, and what subject(s) you teach.
- II. Name of Applicant, name of Secondary School, how many years you have known the applicant.
- III. Describe your relationship to the applicant as his/her teacher.
- IV. What are the applicant's strengths? What are his/her weaknesses?
- V. Explain the extent of the applicant's commitment to Guyana. How do you know he/she is committed?
- VI. Do you believe that this applicant deserves a scholarship to UG? If so, to what extent?

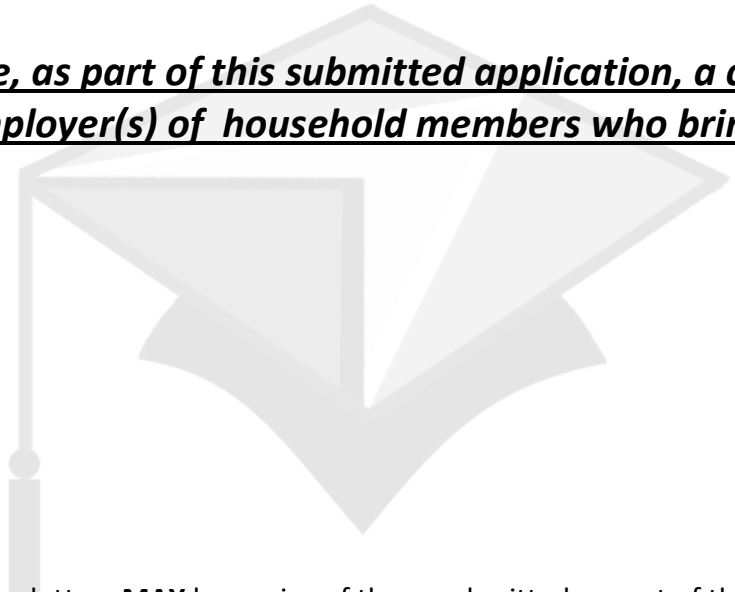
Thank you for your time.

S.A.G.E. Board of Directors

PART V. PROOF OF FINANCIAL NEED- To be completed by the student applicant

While there is no maximum household income, applications are partially weighted based on the financial need of applicants. For this reason, SAGE requires full disclosure of household income to determine this weighting.

Please include, as part of this submitted application, a certified letter from the employer(s) of household members who bring in income.



Note these letters **MAY** be copies of those submitted as part of the general University of Guyana application.

PART VI. SCHOLARSHIP CONTRACT - To be completed by the student applicant

Please initial after each section, sign and date the bottom and return the ENTIRE contract with your application.

If selected as a scholarship recipient, you will be awarded the full amount of tuition for the full length of the programme you chose, provided the required conditions are met. Applying to this scholarship and signing this contract means that, if selected, you will be bound to meeting the academic expectations of your post-secondary programme, as well as required to commit to the following requirements, or forfeit the scholarship. SAGE chooses the requirements based on what is required in Guyana. This element is an integral part of the scholarship; it will help the recipient, with new knowledge from his or her education, to give back to the community.

REQUIREMENTS

I. Full Time Student

Student's Initials _____

SAGE recipients must take the normal course load for a full-time student at the University of Guyana. Failure to do so will result in the loss of the scholarship.

II. Good Standing with the School

Student's Initials _____

SAGE recipients must be certified in good standing with the school, having no disciplinary problems. If recipients fail to meet this criterion, they will go on a probationary period (outlined below).

III. Grade Point Average Requirement

Student's Initials _____

SAGE recipients must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 for all credits with the school. Recipients must earn at least a 2.8 in every subject. If recipients fall below the required minimum, they must go on a probationary period (outlined below).

IV. Submission of Transcripts

Student's Initials _____

SAGE recipients must submit transcripts at the end of every school year. If a recipient fails to do so, the recipient will receive a warning letter. If the transcript is not received by the beginning of the semester, then the scholarship will be withheld.

V. Yearly Review

Student's Initials _____

At the end of each year, the SAGE Board will review the status of each recipient to determine if they meet the requirements.

VI. Probationary Period

Student's Initials _____

In the event a recipient fails to stay in good standing with the school or meet the grade point average requirement, the recipient will be placed on a semester probationary period to fulfill the requirements (e.g. return to good standing with the school or earn a 3.00 cumulative GPA). If the recipient fails to meet these requirements, s/he will lose the scholarship. After a recipient goes on probation s/he must submit transcripts every semester.

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VII. Changes to Academic Programme *Student's Initials* _____

SAGE encourages the pursuit of an education that will be the most valuable and beneficial to both the scholarship recipient and Guyana, and recognizes that this path may change after beginning university. If a scholarship recipient desires to change academic programmes, the recipient must immediately notify the SAGE Board in writing with: a request to change programmes, the reason for the change, and the duration of the new programme. Similarly, if a tuition change occurs, the scholarship recipient must immediately notify the SAGE Board.

For any changes made to the academic programme or tuition, the continued receipt of funds depends on the approval of the SAGE Board. Also, the awarding of additional funds is at the discretion of the SAGE Board. If the change is not approved, the recipient will bear the cost of tuition and also be responsible for paying SAGE for any tuition awarded to the recipient.

VIII. COMMITMENT TO GUYANA *Student's Initials* _____

Upon accepting this scholarship, recipients agree to work at least two years in Guyana after graduation. The SAGE Board will review the recipient's work placement at the end of each year. If the recipient has not worked in Guyana, s/he will owe SAGE the full amount SAGE paid on the scholarship.

By signing this contract, I am agreeing that it is a fair and binding agreement if selected as a scholarship recipient. I understand and agree to all terms of the contract and will work to adhere to them.

Printed Name

Date (DD/MM/YYYY)

Signature