

# Buick Achievers Scholarship Program

## Eligibility

Applicants to the Buick Achievers Scholarship Program must:

- Be high school seniors, high school graduates, or current postsecondary undergraduate students.
- Plan to enroll in full-time undergraduate study at an accredited four-year college or university based in the U.S. or Puerto Rico for the entire 2014-15 academic year. Proprietary and online schools are not eligible.
- Plan to major in a course of study that focuses on Engineering/Technology or select Design and Business related programs of study. See the [list of eligible majors](#).
- Demonstrate an interest in pursuing a career in the automotive or related industries using these areas of study.
- Be U.S. citizens and have permanent residence in the United States or Puerto Rico.

Excluded from consideration are employees and relatives of employees of Scholarship Management Services, Scholarship America and their affiliates and subcontractors, and GM Foundation Directors, Officers, and staff and their relatives. Although GM employees are not eligible, relatives of General Motors employees are eligible.

## Award Criteria

Scholarship recipients are selected based on the following factors:

- Academic achievement
- Financial need
- Participation and leadership in community and school activities, work experience and interest in pursuing a career in the automotive or related industry
- Please note special consideration will be given to the following applicants: first-generation college, female, minority, military veteran or a dependent of military personnel.

The majority of the scholarships will be awarded to students majoring in Engineering/Techology Fields.

Selection of recipients is made by Scholarship Management Services. All scholarship recipients may be subject to a criminal background check. Recipients of a Buick Achievers Scholarship shall not commit any act that indicates dishonesty or moral turpitude or that otherwise could materially injure the General Motors Foundation, Buick or General Motors Company's reputation. If such an act is committed by a Buick Achievers Scholarship Program recipient, the Buick Achievers Scholarship award shall immediately be revoked. In no instance will any Director or Officer of the General Motors Foundation or any employee of General Motors play a part in the selection. All applicants agree to accept the decision as final.

## Award Amounts

The 100 recipients of the **Buick Achievers National Scholarship** will receive an award of up to \$25,000 per year, available for four years, and one additional year for those entering a five-year engineering program. The scholarships can be used toward the total cost of tuition, fees, books, supplies, required equipment, room and

board and other allowable expenses, less other gift aid known at the time of application (scholarships, grants and other awards that do not have to be paid back).

The awards are renewable for the given years noted above or until a bachelor's degree is earned, whichever occurs first. Renewal is contingent upon maintaining a cumulative 3.0 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale), full-time enrollment and continuing to major in an eligible field of study.

Awards are for undergraduate study only.

## Application Procedure

**Website Technical Requirements:** For optimal performance this site should be viewed using a current browser with JavaScript and cookies enabled. Examples of current browsers are the latest versions of [Firefox](#), [Internet Explorer](#) and [Safari](#). All are available as free downloads.

All correspondence throughout the application process is via email. If you do not have an email address you wish to share, you may register an address with a free service such as [Yahoo! Mail](#), [Gmail](#) or [Windows Live Mail](#) for the purposes of this application.

Be sure to add *buickachievers@scholarshipamerica.org* to your Contacts or Address Book! Students failing to use a valid email address will not be able to access an application account. Students who do not regularly check their email for correspondence will not receive consideration.

Interested students can begin the electronic application process by clicking on the [Login/Register](#) link at the top of this page. **You must supply a unique and valid email address and create a password.** When in the application process, you may leave the site prior to submission by clicking on the *Logout* link located at the top of this page. To return to the application, you must enter your username and password as provided when registering for the application process.

You may wish to gather the following information that will be necessary for the application:

- A list of your work experience and involvement in school and community activities
- Your transcript of grades (online transcripts must display student name, school name, grade and credit hours earned for each course, and term in which each course was taken)
- Your parents/guardians' financial information from their most recently filed tax return or your own financial information if an independent student.

Carefully review your application before submission. You may print your responses from the Review Application page before submitting. All pages must be completed and entered in the format described in the format described in order to submit the application. Proper punctuation and standard capitalization (**Jill Smith, 10 Main Street, New York, NY**) must be used when entering data. Answer all questions as completely as possible. Applications are evaluated only on the information supplied on your online application. Once the application is submitted, no further additions or changes can be made. Do NOT mail a printed copy or any other materials to Scholarship Management Services.

The application must be submitted electronically by **5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on February 28, 2014.**

You, the applicant, are solely responsible for submitting all information necessary during the entire application process. Scholarship Management Services will email acknowledgment of receipt of all submitted applications. Applications found to be incomplete as of the application deadlines will not be processed. All information submitted is considered confidential and is reviewed only by Scholarship Management Services. The General

Motors Foundation or General Motors may be using recipient names, photos and other information for promotional purposes.

## Notification

All applicants will be notified of their status in mid-April. Provisional award recipients will be sent notification requesting additional information be mailed to Scholarship Management Services to validate self-declared application information. These provisional recipients must respond completely by the given deadline for further scholarship consideration. Non-recipients will receive notification via email.

Check your email regularly! Not all applicants to the program will be selected as recipients.

## Payment of Scholarships

Scholarship Management Services processes the scholarship payments on behalf of the General Motors Foundation in two equal installments on August 15 and December 30. Checks are mailed to each recipient's home address and made payable to the school.

## Additional Information

Please review the [Frequently Asked Questions](#). All other questions should be directed to Scholarship Management Services.

For the most efficient service, submit a question or report a problem by using the *Help* link at the top of this page. Or you may email: [buickachievers@scholarshipamerica.org](mailto:buickachievers@scholarshipamerica.org) or call 1-800-537-4180.

## Register

To apply to The Buick Achievers Scholarship Program, you must first [register as an applicant](#) on this web site. Activate your account by accessing your email. You may then complete the application by providing information about yourself and your academic achievements.

Good luck in the competition!