



ROBERT E. LESLIE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Grand Prix Foundation was incorporated in January of 1991 as a non-profit organization whose main purpose is to raise funds through a series of charitable events held in conjunction with the annual Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach. In addition to donating money to charitable organizations in the Greater Long Beach area, the Foundation Board of Directors established a scholarship program for graduating seniors from the high schools in the Long Beach area.

The Robert E. Leslie Scholarship Program, named for former Foundation Director and retired Long Beach Fire Chief, Robert E. Leslie, is intended to provide assistance to qualified students to be used to continue their academic or vocational education at an accredited college or university. The Foundation will award seven (7) scholarships in the amount of \$1,500.00 to the most qualified and deserving candidates from the applications submitted from all the participating high schools.

Recipients must be citizens of the United States and residents of Long Beach or Lakewood. Proof of citizenship may be required. These awards shall not be conditioned upon race, color, religion, age, sex, marital status, physical disability, or national origin of the recipient.

APPLICATION

The application should include the following:

- Completed Personal Reference Questionnaire
- Letters of Recommendation (2), at least one from a non-school source.
- Certified Transcripts - Grades 9 through 12

SELECTION PROCESS

Selection of recipient shall be based upon an evaluation of a student's academic achievement, academic potential, extra-curricular activity, community service, work experience, educational or vocational goals, and financial need.

DEADLINE

The deadline for applications is **March 12, 2012**. Applications should be submitted by mail to: Grand Prix Foundation of Long Beach, c/o Valerie K. deMartino, 444 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 400, Long Beach, CA 90802, by Fax to (562) 394-9504 or by email to demartino@earthlink.net.

Student: Please tell us about yourselves and address the following areas on one or more separate pieces of paper:

1. Why would you like to continue your education?
2. What are your personal goals in life and how do you plan to achieve them?
3. Are there any particular circumstances, school experiences, or persons that influenced your preparation or motivation to further your education? Tell us about them.
4. What circumstances or problems, if any, have affected your high school education (e.g. money, family responsibilities, educational preparation, health) and how did you overcome them?
5. How do you/your parents plan to pay for college?
6. What community service have you participated in?
7. What sports, music, clubs or other extra-curricular activities have you participated in?
8. What else should we know about you? You may discuss your family life, educational and economic background, or whatever you feel will influence our choice of scholarship recipient.
9. Have you worked (for pay or volunteer) during high school? Tell us about it.
10. What honors have you been awarded in high school?



REFERENCE FORM

Provide this form to two individuals (one teacher or counselor and one community member, employer of any individual who can comment about your potential to succeed in college).

Scholarship Applicant's Name: _____

The person whose name appears above has applied for a Grand Prix Foundation Scholarship. The selection committee would appreciate your answering the questions below in a specific and candid manner, noting in particular incidents which illustrate his/her maturity, initiative and academic potential to succeed in college. Please understand that your recommendation may be made available for the student's inspection, at the student's request, pursuant to the Family and Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 and related laws and regulations.

Your Name _____ Position _____

School/Organization: _____

Phone (____) _____ E-Mail _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Explain comments by using complete sentences; avoid responses such as "yes" or "no" If your relationship with the applicant does not allow you to make an evaluation of any item, please indicate "Not applicable" or "N/A".

1. How long have you known the applicant? Years _____ Months _____

Under what circumstances have you known the applicant?

2. Based on your knowledge of the applicant, how would you rate his/her academic skills and potential to succeed in college? Feel free to explain.

(Example: Outstanding, Above Average, Average, Needs Improvement)

A. Academic Achievement: _____

B. Writing Skills: _____

C. Reading Skills: _____

D. Math Skills: _____

E. Academic Potential: _____

3. Check how you rate applicant's characteristics and motivation.

A. Has positive self image:

Strongly Agree _____ Agree _____ Agree Somewhat _____ Disagree _____

B. Demonstrates leadership capability:

Strongly Agree _____ Agree _____ Agree Somewhat _____ Disagree _____

C. Self starter, has intellectual curiosity:

Strongly Agree _____ Agree _____ Agree Somewhat _____ Disagree _____

D. Is willing to work hard to achieve his or her goals:

Strongly Agree _____ Agree _____ Agree Somewhat _____ Disagree _____

E. Is involved in his or her community:

Strongly Agree _____ Agree _____ Agree Somewhat _____ Disagree _____

F. Has potential for growth:

Strongly Agree _____ Agree _____ Agree Somewhat _____ Disagree _____

G. Has financial need:

Strongly Agree _____ Agree _____ Agree Somewhat _____ Disagree _____

4. What other qualities come to mind that best describe applicant?

5. To the best of your knowledge, does this applicant have a historically disadvantaged background? Yes _____ No _____

6. Does the applicant have serious financial need? Yes _____ No _____

7. Are you aware of any current circumstances or problems which might affect applicant's future academic performance (e.g., financial background, family responsibilities, educational preparation, health)?

8. What is your assessment of the student's potential and capability for succeeding at college?

9. Why does this student stand out from the crowd?

10. Please write any additional comments here:

Thank you for your assistance.

Date: _____ Signature: _____
Phone # _____
E-Mail _____

NOTE: Please complete and return this form by March 12, 2012 directly to Grand Prix Foundation c/o Valerie K. deMartino, 444 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 400, Long Beach, CA 90802 or by Fax to (562) 394-9504.