



2009 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PACKET

Receipt Deadline Extension – March 13, 2009

The Florida Home Builders Foundation is the charitable arm of the Florida Home Builders Association (FHBA) – the country’s largest state construction association with nearly 20,000 corporate members. The Foundation’s mission is to engage in housing-related educational activities that help young people understand and pursue rewarding careers in the home building industry.

New home construction tops Florida’s economic growth and provides thousands of jobs. The Florida Home Builders Foundation wants to ensure that this trend continues. Through the Future Builders of America program, the FHBA and Foundation link members with schools to help students begin their careers in housing.

The Foundation created a scholarship fund to assist in addressing the pressing need for a better educated and trained construction industry workforce. Traditionally, at least 10% of the Foundation’s general operating budget is set aside to be awarded annually through the scholarship program. Since 2000, the FHB Foundation has awarded nearly \$61,000 in scholarship funds to students interested in a career in the residential construction industry.

Scholarship applications are made available to the public annually in January. Awards are usually presented at the annual FHBA Spring Conference in Tallahassee which coincides with Florida’s Legislative Session.

Applicants should be students in good standing and recommended by their teachers or returning students with a strong interest in the residential construction industry or related trades who desire to pursue higher education opportunities but lack financial resources. An applicant should demonstrate an interest in obtaining employment in the residential construction industry upon graduation.

Application Deadline:	Applications should be received at the FHBA office by Friday, March 13, 2009. Applications received after the deadline may not be considered.
Eligibility:	Students should be Florida high school seniors or currently enrolled in a post-secondary program in Florida. Special scholarship awards are available for Sarasota County residents and students enrolled in a school implementing the Florida Construction Institute curriculum (<i>e.g.</i> , FCCJ).
Awards:	The minimum scholarship award amount is \$500. The maximum is \$2,000.
Process:	Applications are reviewed individually and objectively scored by an independent committee – criteria includes academic performance, financial need, construction experience, participation



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(Please print or type)

Name _____

Address _____

Phone () _____

E-mail _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

School(s) currently attending _____

Grade/College Yr. _____

Current Grade Point Average
(unweighted 4.0 scale) _____

ACT Score _____

SAT Score _____

SAT Verbal _____

SAT Math _____

Are you a member of Future Builders of America? Yes No

If yes, provide chapter name, describe offices held and activities _____

College you will attend next school year? _____

Have you been accepted? Yes No Declared major/vocation: _____

Est. Tuition/Books Cost (yr.) _____

Est. living expenses (yr.) _____

Are you or will you be receiving financial aid (e.g., scholarships, loans, grants, etc.)? Yes No

If yes, please describe including type and amounts. Approximately what percentage of your education costs is covered? 75-100% 50-75% 25-50% 0%

Are you "Head of Household" or the primary source of income for your family? Yes No

If you are not the head of household:

What is your family's annual income \$ _____ # of people supported by family income _____

of siblings in college supported by family income _____

Your est. annual income _____

Sarasota County resident? Yes No

Enrolled in a Florida Construction Institute curriculum (e.g., FCCJ)? Yes No

By my signature below, I affirm that the information provided in this application packet and attachments is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I authorize the Florida Home Builders Foundation to verify the correctness of statements to appraise this application. I also authorize the Florida Home Builders Foundation to use information about and from my application for public relations purposes, publicity and other scholarship opportunities.

Signature

Date

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On separate pages: Important!

- Explain why you are interested in becoming a professional in the housing industry. Identify and describe your experience with the home building industry and career goals. (Please do not exceed two pages. Minimum font size is 12 pt.).
- List school and community activities including office held.
- List awards received in the past three years (local, regional, state and national).
- List work experience including employer, part-/full-time, position held, dates of employment, responsibilities.
- List any construction-related activities that have not already been addressed above.
- Provide two (2) letters of recommendation – in a sealed envelope with the recommender's signature written across the seal.

Submit application to:

Scholarship Application

FHBA Foundation
201 East Park Avenue
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

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ACADEMIC RECOMMENDATION FORM

(Please print or type)

1) Applicant

_____ *Name* _____ *City*

Instructions to Applicant: Complete Sections 1 and 2 and give this form to the instructor or advisor who is familiar with your academic work. Allow you recommended at least two weeks to complete the form. Your recommended should return the form to you in a sealed envelope, signed across the seal, for you to include with your application.

2) Courses – provide courses taken from the person recommending you, if any:

Course Number	Course Title	When Taken	Grade

Please indicate any other personal association you have had with the person recommending you

Instructions to Recommender: Please complete this form and return it to the applicant in a sealed envelope, with your signature across the seal. The applicant must submit your recommendation as part of his/her completed application by the March 9 **RECEIPT** deadline. If you do not know the applicant well or unable to make a judgment in a particular category, please indicate this. Such frankness will not prejudice the candidate's application for funding.

How long have you known the applicant? _____ In what capacity? _____

What contributions has the applicant made on campus and community? _____

Please rate the applicant compared to a representative group of students you have known during your career:

	Superior (Top 1%)	Outstanding (Top 5%)	Excellent (Top 20%)	Good (Top 1/3)	Avg./Poor (Lower 1/2)	Unable to judge
Intellectual ability						
Ability to work with others						
Leadership ability						
Problem-solving skills						
Initiative						
Dependability/Maturity						
Overall potential						

Many talented individuals achieve marginal academic records. In your opinion is the applicant's academic record an accurate index of his/her academic ability? YES NO Don't know

If you answer is NO, please explain briefly on the back of this form, giving consideration to the applicant's work schedule and other conflicts.

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Recommenders Name (Please print or type) _____

School _____ **Title** _____



PROFESSIONAL RECOMMENDATION FORM

(Please print or type)

1) Applicant

_____ *Name* _____ *City*

Instructions to Applicant: Complete Sections 1 and 2 and give this form to the instructor or advisor who is familiar with your academic work. Allow you recommended at least two weeks to complete the form. Your recommended should return the form to you in a sealed envelope, signed across the seal, for you to include with your application.

2) Experience – list the positions you have held regarding the person recommending you, if any:

Dates	Position	Supervisor
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Please indicate any other personal association you have had with the person recommending you:

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Signature _____ **Date** _____

Recommenders Name (Please print or type) _____

Place of Employment _____ **Title** _____