

THE SIMON ESTES EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION, INC.
2016 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

□ **THE FOUNDATION**

Led by Jayne L. Reed, a small group of Tulsans met with opera star Simon Estes who was in town to perform with the Tulsa Opera. Bound by a mutual belief in the importance of education and concern for the many bright high school seniors financially unable to attend college, the group decided to do what they could to assist these promising young students. As a result, in 1983 The Simon Estes Educational Foundation, Inc. was created with Mr. Estes and Ms. Reed as Cofounders.

In the last thirty-two years, the Foundation has raised over three million dollars in actual grants and future commitments for scholarships. The Foundation has assisted 367 scholars to attend prestigious colleges and universities throughout this country and have participated in international study programs abroad. All graduates have taken their places in the professional world and serve as the greatest endorsement of the Foundation.

Our Mission continues to be a multiracial, nonprofit Oklahoma organization, committed to promoting higher educational opportunities for Tulsa area high school seniors by providing scholarships made possible through charitable contributions. Moreover, The Simon Estes Educational Foundation not only provides funding, but it seeks to foster relationships with its students by providing mentoring opportunities throughout their college experience. While special consideration is given to African American, Asian/Pacific Islander, Hispanic, and Native American students, all applicants exhibiting scholastic excellence, financial need, and high moral standards are considered regardless of race, religion, sex, or ethnic origin. For more information on the history of The Simon Estes Educational Foundation and its Scholars, visit our web site at www.seef.org

□ **THE SCHOLARSHIP**

The Simon Estes Educational Foundation Scholarship offers a \$2,500 scholarship to graduating high school seniors planning to attend college this coming fall term. This award may be renewed annually up to four years based on available funding - renewal amounts may vary. The funds can be applied to tuition, books, fees or university room and board. The applicant must be a U.S. citizen or a foreign national with resident status. Students who are in the U.S. on a Student Visa are not eligible for the scholarship. Scholarship funding can be applied to any public or private 4-year university or college.

To maintain the scholarship, students must retain a 3.0 grade point average, be enrolled full-time and provide an official transcript each semester. Additionally, students must write their designated Simon Estes sponsor twice a year, attend Foundation functions as requested and complete 4 hours of volunteer service arranged by the Foundation. Awards are limited and ALL deadlines are **strongly** enforced.

Applications are available at The Simon Estes Educational Foundation website at www.seef.org or consult Senior Guidance Counselors at Tulsa area high schools.

SELECTION: All applications are reviewed by a Pre-Screening Committee with top candidates being contacted for a personal interview with the Selection Committee. Those students selected as Simon Estes Scholars will be notified by mail.

QUALIFICATIONS: Applicants are carefully reviewed on the basis of a combination of criteria:

- Documented financial need
- High School G.P.A. of 3.5 or higher (weighted/un-weighted)
- ACT or SAT scores
- Prior acceptance to the college or university of choice
- Permanent residence within a thirty-mile radius of Tulsa
- A well-defined motivation to pursue higher education and a personal sense of values

For more information call The Simon Estes Educational Foundation, Inc. at (918) 583-0500

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANTS

Please read instructions carefully. Incomplete applications will not be considered and applicants will not be notified of missing documents.

1. Do not leave questions blank. Use N/A (not applicable) in the blank if question does not apply to you.
2. Typed answers are preferred.
3. Do not staple any items.
4. Provide full addresses with zip codes.
5. Submit an official transcript bearing the first semester grades of the senior year with ACT or SAT scores.
6. Attach a **SIGNED** copy of parent/guardian **2015** tax return(s) (Usually IRS form 1040 or 1040A). Please note that parents who complete their own tax returns must submit copies of all **2015** W2 Forms. All related tax schedules must be submitted with tax returns.
7. If taxes are professionally prepared, copies bearing preparer's signature and the company name should be submitted.
8. Legally emancipated minors must submit their own **2015** tax return and follow the stated guidelines. Proof of emancipation must be included.
9. Applications and all supporting documentation must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. **March 11, 2016.**
10. **MAIL** the completed application *after* February 19, 2016 to:

The Simon Estes Educational Foundation, Inc.
P.O. Box 480950
Tulsa, OK 74148

Application Checklist

Place a check in the box as each piece of information is included in the application. Return this sheet with your application.

√	Required Information
	A Completed Application
	Personal Photo
	750 Word Essay
	*Three References
	1.
	2.
	3.
	**Official High School Transcript must include SAT or ACT Scores
	Copy of college acceptance letter(s)
	Signed 2015 Tax Information Sheet for Parental/Guardian (Usually 1040 or 1040A form)
	W2 Forms (if self-prepared)
	All related tax return schedules attached
	Parental signature(s) on all tax forms
	Preparer's signature and name of firm (if professionally prepared)

* Letters of reference must include the applicant's name.

** We recognize that official high school transcripts containing SAT/ACT scores may arrive separately from the application. However, it is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all REQUIRED information is received by the application deadline.

Financial Need

Financial need is defined as an inability to pay for a substantial portion of college tuition because of basic financial challenges. However, each application will be individually reviewed and extraordinary family circumstances will be considered.

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Please Print Clearly

Last Name _____ **First Name** _____ **M.I.** _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Email Address _____

Age _____ Date of birth _____ Sex _____ Social Security Number _____

Father's Name _____ Do you live with your father? Yes No

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Place of Employment _____ Occupation _____

Mother's Name _____ Do you live with your mother? Yes No

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Place of Employment _____ Occupation _____

If you live with someone other than your parents, list the information below.

Name _____ Relationship _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Name _____ Relationship _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Please provide the total number of siblings living with you and their ages.

Number of siblings _____ List their ages _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____

Is English the primary language spoken in your home? _____ If not, what language? _____

Last Name _____ First Name _____

High School Name _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

GPA: 4.0 scale Un-weighted _____ Weighted _____ Rank in Class _____ Total in the class _____

Does your school offer AP (Advance Placement) classes? _____ How many AP classes have you taken? _____

Highest ACT Composite _____ Highest SAT Math _____ SAT Verbal _____

Have you ever been suspended, expelled, or put on probation? _____ If yes, please explain _____

Please list your college choices in order of preference

(1) _____ Already Admitted Admission Pending

(3) _____ Already Admitted Admission Pending

(2) _____ Already Admitted Admission Pending

(4) _____ Already Admitted Admission Pending

Indicate your career goals _____

Major you plan to study in college _____ Minor _____

List Honors. _____

Are you presently employed? _____ Name of Employer _____

Length of Employment _____ How many hours do you work per week _____

Interests/Activities _____

Church/Community Affiliations _____

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Essay

In a **750** word essay, please explain why you deserve scholarship consideration. If you have circumstances that warrant special attention, please explain in your essay. Attach additional pages if necessary.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Please complete each financial question and do not leave blank spaces. Use N/A for all that do not apply.

I have completed a 2016-2017 FAFSA Yes No In Progress

Estimated student income earned during the school year while in college \$ _____

Estimated student income earned during the summer while in college \$ _____

Mother's Annual Income \$ _____ Father's Annual Income \$ _____

Stepmother's Annual Income \$ _____ Stepfather's Annual Income \$ _____

Additional Income (child support, alimony etc.) \$ _____

Who will provide financial support for college?

Please check all that apply

Father Mother Stepfather Stepmother Guardian Other _____

If your parents/stepparents are not contributing toward your college expenses, please explain.

Last Name _____ First Name _____

FINANCIAL NEED WORKSHEET #1

Please complete the following worksheet for your top two college choices and submit with your application. All financial aid and scholarships listed will be verified by the Foundation.

My First Choice

School Name _____

COSTS

List amount per year

Tuition	\$ _____
Fees	\$ _____
Books	\$ _____
On Campus Room	\$ _____
On Campus Board	\$ _____
Other (please specify) _____	\$ _____
Total Costs	\$ _____

RESOURCES

List amount per year

Parental Contribution	\$ _____
Student Contribution	\$ _____
*Trust or Other Sources of Income	\$ _____
University Tuition Fee Waiver	\$ _____
Other University Funding	\$ _____
FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)	
1. Loans	\$ _____
2. Grants	\$ _____
3. Work Study	\$ _____

SCHOLARSHIP

List each scholarship and indicate if it is renewable

(Example: John Doe Scholarship, \$500/year, renewable for 4 years)

_____	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 yr	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 yrs	<input type="checkbox"/> 4 yrs
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_____	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 yr	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 yrs	<input type="checkbox"/> 4 yrs

Scholarship Pending

Please list any scholarship still pending a decision and indicate if it is renewable

_____	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 yr	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 yrs	<input type="checkbox"/> 4 yrs
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_____	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 yr	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 yrs	<input type="checkbox"/> 4 yrs

Total from Resources and Scholarships \$ _____

*Please explain Trust or other source of income _____

Last Name _____ First Name _____

FINANCIAL NEED WORKSHEET #2

Please complete the following worksheet for your top two college choices and submit with your application. All financial aid and scholarships listed will be verified by the Foundation.

My Second Choice

School Name _____

COSTS

List amount per year

Tuition	\$ _____
Fees	\$ _____
Books	\$ _____
On Campus Room	\$ _____
On Campus Board	\$ _____
Other (please specify) _____	\$ _____
Total Costs	\$ _____

RESOURCES

List amount per year

Parental Contribution	\$ _____
Student Contribution	\$ _____
*Trust or Other Sources of Income	\$ _____
University Tuition Fee Waiver	\$ _____
Other University Funding	\$ _____
FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)	
1. Loans	\$ _____
2. Grants	\$ _____
3. Work Study	\$ _____

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_____	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 yr	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 yrs	<input type="checkbox"/> 4 yrs

Scholarship Pending

Please list any scholarship still pending a decision and indicate if it is renewable

_____	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 yr	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 yrs	<input type="checkbox"/> 4 yrs
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_____	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 yr	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 yrs	<input type="checkbox"/> 4 yrs

Total from Resources and Scholarships \$ _____

*Please explain any Trusts or other sources of income _____

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Provide three non-family character references and attach letters of recommendation from each. References may be teachers, clergy, employers, etc.

1) Name _____

Address, City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ Occupation _____

2) Name _____

Address, City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ Occupation _____

3) Name _____

Address, City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ Occupation _____

We welcome any additional comments regarding special circumstances your references may wish to provide in support of your application. Be sure to attach any additional information to the application.

STUDENT SIGNATURE ONLY

I certify that all information submitted by me as a part of this application is my own work and is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature _____ Date _____

PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN(S) SIGNATURE ONLY

I certify that all information submitted on this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Father/Guardian: Signature _____ Date _____

Mother/Guardian: Signature _____ Date _____

FOR COUNSELORS ONLY (Optional)

I certify that I have reviewed this application and that it is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature _____ Date _____

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P.O. Box 480950
Tulsa, OK 74148

Applicant Information Form

Note To Applicant: Completion of this form is voluntary. Applicants are considered for this scholarship without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or ethnic origin. However, the information sought herein is to assist the Foundation with demographic record keeping relative to our applicant pool and will be kept in a confidential file separate from the scholarship application.

Name: _____

Sex: Male _____ Female _____

Race:

African American _____

Asian/Pacific Islander _____

Caucasian _____

Hispanic _____

Native American _____

(Please provide a copy of your Tribal Roll Card)

Other: _____

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____