



2011 CIS Scholarship Application Due April 18, 2011

CIS Scholarships are provided to encourage students to stay in school and continue their education. Financial need and/or other hardships are taken into consideration when awarding these scholarships. Applicants are also scored on academics, community involvement, extracurricular activities, essay quality and interviewing skills.

Academic scholarships are awarded in May to graduating seniors who have participated and / or volunteered in CISCf programs. Scholarship awards are contingent upon verification of acceptance as a full time student to an institution of higher education.

The scholarship applications are processed through the CISCf staff member at your school, or through WIRE staff. The deadline for Scholarship applications is April 18, 2011. The CIS Scholarship Committee reviews the applications, interviews successful candidates and awards the scholarship at the Healthy Start Breakfast on May 3rd. For more information, contact Megan Toothman at 343-1901 or megan@ciscapefear.org.

The mission of Communities In Schools is to surround its students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life.



Communities In Schools of Cape Fear, Inc. Scholarship Application Guidelines

- **APPLICATION DUE: APRIL 18, 2011**
- **SUBMIT EITHER TO CIS STAFF AT YOUR SCHOOL, OR TO WIRE.**

To be eligible for a CIS Scholarship, students must meet the following requirements:

1. Be a graduating senior who has participated in CISC programs.
2. Be accepted at an accredited college, university or technical school, and confirm intent to attend same.
3. Complete an application and provide official high school transcripts.
4. Demonstrate financial need. *Note: we do not require financial aid forms.*
5. Verify active participation in a high school sport or school-sponsored extra-curricular activity, or be involved in community or church activities.
6. Provide letters of reference, including at least one from a teacher from whom the student has taken at least one course.
7. Participate in interview with CIS Scholarship Committee.



**Communities In Schools of Cape Fear, Inc.
CIS Scholarship Application
DUE MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2011**

Please type or go to www.ciscapefear.org to complete form online.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

School: _____

Accredited College/University/Technical School you wish to attend:

Have you been accepted? YES NO If yes, attach copy of acceptance letter.

Intended course of study: _____

Are you the first in your family to attend college: _____

Amount of Scholarship Requested (Please Circle One) \$1,000 \$500

Involvement with CIS (WIRE; Mosley PLC; After School; Graduation Coach; Baby FAST; volunteer; child of staff member or volunteer etc.):

Special circumstances (family obligations, medical expenses, etc.):

Other scholarships for which you have applied or received: _____

How do you intend to pay for tuition, books, and living expenses while in college:

Supplemental Information (use additional paper if necessary)

Awards/Achievements

School Activities

Community/Church Involvement

Employment Information (including summer internships)

Essay Question: (Please choose one of the following.)

- What are your major accomplishments, and why do you consider them accomplishments?
- Have you ever struggled mightily for something and failed? How did you respond?
- What have you done outside of the classroom that demonstrates qualities sought after by colleges? Of these, which means the most to you?

Essay Guidelines:

Typed

Double spaced

Minimum: 700 words Maximum 1,000 words

Essentials on the sentence and paragraph level:

- **Fluency:** Does the essay reflect a relative mastery of usage, conventions and vocabulary?
- **Logic:** Do the sentences and ideas follow one another in a logical and coherent fashion?
- **Grammar:** Does the essay reflect a relative knowledge of the proper conventions of grammar?
Do not simply use spell check or proofread your essay; it will not catch certain types of mistakes.
If a sentence doesn't sound right, it's probably because there is a mechanical or logical problem.
Read your essay aloud.
- **Mechanics:** Do your sentences and words follow the proper conventions of punctuation and spelling?

Essentials on the idea level:

- **Unified theme or subject:** Narrow your topic to a single subject. Don't try to write a broad, general essay on how your entire life has changed, you can't do this in one page.
- **Clarity:** Are your ideas specific and coherent? Choose language that reflects and relates specific ideas.
- **Creativity:** Creativity engages the reader. Don't be afraid to take risks with your writing. Use creative examples.
- **Organization:** Make sure your points follow logically. Utilize an outline to help organize your essay in a logical fashion.

Examples: Use specific examples to help make your points clear; it will make your essay solid and convincing. Examples render your points in a concrete, understandable fashion.

Due date: **April 18, 2011** Please include an official copy of your High School Transcript and Letter(s) of Recommendation with the Application – submit directly to CIS staff at your school, or to WIRE.

Release Statement

I hereby release the preceding information to the CIS Scholarship Committee. I certify that the above information is correct to the best of my knowledge, and I understand that this information will be kept strictly confidential, for sole use in conjunction with the application process for this scholarship.

Signature (student)

Signature (parent/legal guardian)
