COHEAO Sparks

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**COHEAO Now Accepting Applications for 2016-2017 Scholarship**

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COHEAO is pleased to offer up to four $1,000 scholarships for the 2016-2017 Academic Year. Eligible applicants are students entering their sophomore year through graduate studies who are enrolled at COHEAO-member colleges and universities. Please make sure to pass along this information to the appropriate faculty members at your institution so that students are aware of this scholarship opportunity.

Applications must be postmarked by April 1, 2016, and scholarships will be awarded in June 2016. Attached to this email are the COHEAO Scholarship application and a poster to display to inform potential applicants. In addition, links for all materials are provided below. If you have any questions regarding the COHEAO scholarship and how to apply for it, please send an email to Wes Huffman of the COHEAO staff or Jeane Olson of University of North Texas System, Scholarship Chair for COHEAO.

- Click here for a list of COHEAO members
- Click here for the 2016-2017 COHEAO Scholarship Application
- Click here for the 2016-2017 COHEAO Scholarship FAQs
- Click here for the 2016-2017 COHEAO Scholarship Poster

You may also visit the scholarship page on our COHEAO website for more information:  
APPLICATION FOR COHEAO SCHOLARSHIP FOR
2016-2017 ACADEMIC YEAR

Please complete and mail this application to COHEAO at 1101 Vermont Ave, NW Suite 400, Washington, DC, 20005. This application must be postmarked by April 1, 2016 and all scholarships will be awarded by June 30, 2016. For information on eligibility requirements, please visit: www.coheao.com/scholarship/

Personal Information

Name
First          Middle          Last

University ID# 
(If you receive a scholarship, we will include it with your check so that it may be credited to your student account.)

Street Address:

City:          State:          Zip Code:

Telephone #:
Daytime          Evening

E-mail Address:

Check One:
I am a United States Citizen _____    I am not a United States Citizen _____
Educational Information

I will be enrolled full time in a degree program at the following COHEAO – Affiliated School in the 2016-2017 Academic Year:

School Name:

Academic level for the 2016/2017 academic year: (please check)

Sophomore:               Junior:
Senior:                  Graduate:

Anticipated date of graduation:

Current GPA (on a 4.0 scale):

Major Field of study:

Interests:

Special Recognition and Awards:

Community Involvement:
Financial Aid Information

For the current school year (2015/2016), I am receiving the following financial aid:

Loans
For each type of loan you are receiving this year, list the name of the loan program and the amount. (ie Subsidized Stafford Loan, Unsubsidized Stafford Loan, Federal Perkins Loan, Institutional Loan)

Grants/Scholarships
For each type of grant or scholarship you are receiving this year, list the name of the grant/scholarship and amount. (ie Pell Grant, SEOG grant, college’s scholarship)

Federal Work Study
If you are a Federal Work Study recipient, list the amount here: $

Total amount of financial aid received for 2015/2016 academic year. If none, enter zero: $
Academic Recommendation Information

Include one letter of recommendation on letterhead from a faculty member who is familiar with your academic skills:

Faculty Member’s Name:

Title:

Department:

Institution:

How do you know this person?
Essay

1. On a separate sheet of paper, in 300 words or less (typed, double-spaced) describe your future plans and goals as they relate to community service, and how a COHEAO scholarship will benefit you.

Testimonial

1. Do you have an outstanding Perkins Loan? Yes/No
   a. If you answered yes to the question above, please help us advocate for the Federal Perkins Loan Program which is currently in jeopardy, by writing a brief testimonial that could be sent to members of Congress in support of the Federal Perkins Loan Program.
      i. The testimonial should be typed, single-spaced on a separate sheet of paper. There is no length requirement.
      ii. Suggestions for areas to cover:
         1. How the Federal Perkins Loan has helped you finance your education.
         2. What the financial impact would have been if you had not yet received a Perkins Loan
         3. The need for the federal government to provide adequate funding to maintain a strong and viable program.
         4. Please include anything else that you think is relevant.

Please complete the Release Form so that we may share your responses with interested parties, including members of Congress.

By signing this application, I am certifying the accuracy of the information provided on this application.

Signature ___________________________ Date ______________________
COHEAO MEDIA CONSENT & RELEASE

THIS CONSENT & RELEASE (the “Release”), is made and entered into this date, ______________________ , by and between the Coalition of Higher Education Assistance Organizations of 1101 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Suite 400, Washington, DC 20005 (“COHEAO”) and [Name]_______________________________________________ an individual residing at [Address]____________________________________________________________________ (“INDIVIDUAL”).

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INDIVIDUAL

_________________________________
Signature

_________________________________
Printed Name

_________________________________
Date

COHEAO

By:________________________________
Signature

_________________________________
Title

_________________________________
Date
**Check List**

Please make sure all the following has been completed and is included when submitting the scholarship application: (Incomplete applications will not be considered)

- ✔ Personal Information
  - o Make sure to include your school id (not your social security number)
- ✔ Educational Information
- ✔ Financial Aid Information
- ✔ Academic Recommendation
- ✔ Original Official transcript
  - o Transcript should be sealed with school stamp
- ✔ Essay
- ✔ Testimonial of support for the Federal Perkins Loan Program (not mandatory)
- ✔ Sign your application
- ✔ COHEAO media consent and release

Thank you for submitting your application for the COHEAO scholarship. Please contact us should you have any questions.

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