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## GIRL FRIENDS FUND, INC. SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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*The Girl Friends Fund, Inc. (“The Fund”)* brings dreams to life by providing scholarships and mentoring to high-achieving, African-American students who face significant financial obstacles in their path toward a college education.

The Fund provides awards of \$1,000 to \$1,500 annually for up to four academic years, depending on availability of funds, to qualified high school seniors who have been accepted to a four-year institution. The scholarship is renewable for four years, provided applicable academic requirements are met by the scholar. Our goal is to promote the academic achievement required to pursue careers including, but not limited to: Science, Technology, Engineering, Medicine, Law, Business, Education, and Creative Arts.

**To be eligible for consideration**, a scholarship applicant must:

- Be a United States Citizen
- Be accepted for undergraduate study at a four-year accredited institution of higher education
- Have a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 or above on a 4.3 scale
- Have a minimum SAT score of 1200 or ACT score of 18
- Not be related to a member of The Fund or The Girl Friends, Inc.

**To be considered for a scholarship**, a student must be nominated by a chapter of The Girl Friends®, Inc. Each chapter may nominate only one potential scholar. The Girl Friends Fund, Inc. (“The Fund”) assists potential scholars in connecting to their local chapter of The Girl Friends®, Inc. when needed.

**GF Chapter Application Deadline Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**GF Chapter Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**GF Chapter Contact Person:** \_\_\_\_\_

**GF Chapter Contact Person’s Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**GF Chapter Contact Person’s Email:** \_\_\_\_\_



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### APPLICATION CHECKLIST/ VERIFICATION DOCUMENTATION

<input type="checkbox"/>	1. <b>Student Application</b> which includes a 250 - 300 word personal essay. The original personal essay should cover the influences that helped to shape your life (which can include community service, extracurricular activities or a rigorous academic program) and your future career and personal goals.
<input type="checkbox"/>	2. <b>Official School Transcript</b> of grades, current cumulative GPA, and <b>ACT/SAT scores</b> with the school seal and signature. <i>Must be submitted in a signed sealed envelope.</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	3. Please submit up to four <b>Letters of Recommendation</b> as indicated below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>REQUIRED</b> Two (2) Letters of Recommendation:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Teacher who can attest to your academic promise and your leadership</li><li>○ Guidance/ School Counselor who can attest to your academic promise and your leadership</li></ul></li><li>• <b>OPTIONAL</b> Two (2) Letters of Character Reference:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Community/Volunteer Service representative who can attest to your service and your leadership</li><li>○ Employer or second Community/Volunteer Service representative if not working who can attest to your work ethics (or service) and your leadership</li></ul></li></ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	4. <b>FAFSA Student Aid Report</b> ( <i>used for proof of citizenship &amp; income verification</i> )
<input type="checkbox"/>	5. <b>Headshot photo</b> of applicant ( <i>please submit in jpg format file size no larger than 300dpi</i> )

**(ALL SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS MUST BE REMOVED FROM ALL DOCUMENTS)**



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## Applicant's Biographical Profile

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell/other phone number: \_\_\_\_\_  
(include area code) (include area code)

Student's Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Gender: (please select one) \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_ Male

Are you a U.S. Citizen? (please select one) \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Number in Household \_\_\_\_\_  
under the age of 18

Are you related to a member of  
The Girl Friends, ® Inc.? (please select one) \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Student lives with: (please select one)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Both Parents \_\_\_\_\_ Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Father \_\_\_\_\_ Legal Guardian

**IF YOU LIVE WITH ONE PARENT/BOTH PARENTS COMPLETE PARENT SECTION  
IF YOU LIVE WITH A GUARDIAN COMPLETE THE GUARDIAN SECTION**

### PARENT SECTION

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**Father's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mother's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Address (if different than student's)  
\_\_\_\_\_

Address (if different than student's)  
\_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone number (if different than student's):  
(include area code) \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone Number (if different than student's):  
(include area code) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell/other phone number \_\_\_\_\_  
(include area code)

Cell/other phone number \_\_\_\_\_  
(include area code)

Father's email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's email address: \_\_\_\_\_



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## GUARDIAN SECTION

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**Guardian's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell/other phone number: \_\_\_\_\_  
(include area code) (include area code)

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## COLLEGE PLANS AND HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

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**Name of Student's High School:** \_\_\_\_\_

High School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (include area code): \_\_\_\_\_

Guidance Counselor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (include area code): \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

1. List all colleges/universities to which you have applied/will be applying to:

2. Highest degree you plan to obtain:

3. Current Career Objective:



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4. Anticipated major field of study and how it fits into your career objective:

5. List any advanced placement or honors/special academic courses you have taken (please list most recent first):

6. List high school leadership activities (include comments on leadership roles in organizations or activities):

7. List high school extracurricular clubs and activities (include comments on leadership roles in organizations or activities):



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8. List community or volunteer service activities (include comments on leadership roles in organizations or activities):

9. List employment/career related activities (include comments on leadership roles in organizations or activities):

10. List academic/community/other awards and honors you have received/expect to receive. Include name of award granting agency or organization:



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## **ESSAY**

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Submit (in 250-300 words) an original personal essay about the influences that helped shape your life. The essay can include references to rigorous academics extracurricular activities, community service, individuals who have influenced you, and your personal career goals and objectives.



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## MEDIA RELEASE & AUTHORIZATION STATEMENT

*Please enter your name in the indicated space, sign and date authorization (both applicant and parent(s)/guardian(s)) below:*

My parent(s)/guardian(s) and I, \_\_\_\_\_ (*please enter scholarship applicant name on line*) authorize The Girl Friends Fund, Inc., its officers, members, agents, employees, or other persons, including members of the external media, print and/or broadcast, authorized by The Girl Friends Fund, Inc., to interview me, produce motion sound, pictures, videotapes, or audiotapes of me based on either the photo submitted with this application or produced as described above for promotional purposes and/or to highlight the activities and accomplishments of its scholars.

My parents/guardians and I agree that the negatives, prints, videotapes, audiotapes, or computer graphics prepared there from may be used for promotional purposes of The Girl Friends Fund, Inc., including newspapers, magazines, web sites intranet, internet, television, billboard, displays, exhibits, audiovisual or multimedia presentations, kiosk imaging, radio broadcasts, and any other news, public service, or advertisement.

My parents/guardians and I further acknowledge that such use may occur at unspecified times after the date of this authorization. My parents/guardians and I acknowledge that any photograph, motion sound picture movies, videotape, or audiotape taken of me will become and remain the sole property of The Girl Friends Fund, Inc. and/or of the authorized print or broadcast media organization.

### BY SIGNING BELOW:

- ✓ My parents/guardians and I agree to the above Media Release & Authorization Statement.
- ✓ My parents/guardians and I certify that the information contained in this application form and all submitted support documentation for the application process is accurate and complete.
- ✓ My parents/guardians and I understand and agree that falsification of information either by me or by others on my behalf will make me ineligible for consideration.
- ✓ My parents/guardians and I understand that doing so is equivalent to signing the application form using my parent's/guardian's and my electronic signature.
- ✓ My parents/guardians and I agree that these documents are legally binding according to the provisions given in the electronic signatures in global and national commerce act (also known as e-sign).

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Applicant's Name (please print)

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Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's/Guardian's Name (please print)

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Parent's/Guardian's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date