



SELF STORAGE ASSOCIATION 2020 FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM INSTRUCTIONS

The Self Storage Association Foundation (SSAF) of the Self Storage Association is pleased to announce that applications for the SSAF Scholarship Program are now being accepted from qualified individuals who will be attending postsecondary school in the 2020-2021 academic year.

Overview

The SSA Foundation Scholarship Program provides scholarship awards of \$1,000 to \$5,000 toward postsecondary education tuition and fees. Awards are based on need and scholastic achievement for students with at least a "C" cumulative average or 2.0 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 point scale. Recipients must be employees (or their children / grand children) of companies which are direct members of the Self Storage Association (national). Eligibility requirements also include a demonstration of community involvement and documented pursuit of meaningful education at an accredited postsecondary education institution.

Eligibility Requirements

1. The applicant must be a citizen of the United States.
2. The applicant must be an employee of a direct member of the national Self Storage Association; or the applicant's father, mother, stepparent, legal guardian, or grandparent must be an employee of an SSA Direct Member company. The successful applicant must maintain the qualifying SSA membership status throughout the duration of the award. Individuals or family members of individuals involved in the scholarship selection process or major donors to the scholarship fund are not eligible to receive a scholarship.
3. The applicant must have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of "C" or a 2.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale.
4. The applicant must demonstrate community involvement.
5. The applicant must demonstrate financial need as documented by 2020-2021 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Student Aid Report (SAR).
6. During the scholarship award period, applicants who are current employees of SSA direct member companies must be enrolled for at least 6 credits at an accredited postsecondary education institution. Employees' children/grandchildren who are applicants must be enrolled for at least 12 credits (full time) at an accredited postsecondary education institution.
7. The applicant must submit the application and all required documentation electronically as instructed and by the deadline. Applications must be received by midnight Eastern Time, May 1, 2020, to be considered for the 2020-2021 SSAF Scholarship Award.

Application Completion Instructions

1. Please complete the application as instructed on the form and mark the signature block.
2. In section 4 on page 1 of the application, complete only section "4a." OR section "4b."
3. Be as complete as possible while filling out the application. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
4. Forms must be completed electronically. Hand written applications will not be considered.

All information included in the application will be confidential.

NOTE - All materials are to be submitted electronically (Scanned or original files in PDF format)

Checklist to ensure you are submitting a complete application:

1. Application form has been completed electronically
2. All sections of the application, including the application signature box, have been completed as instructed on the form.
3. Application has been proofed for spelling, grammar, punctuation, etc.

4. Include electronic copy of the fully completed Student Aid Report from the 2020-2021 FAFSA form. Please mail-in IRS 2018 Tax Transcripts to:
Self Storage Association
1901 N. Beauregard Street, Suite 106
Alexandria, Virginia 22311

5. Include electronic copy of an up-to-date high school and (where applicable) college transcript(s).
6. A resumé, while not required, is helpful.
7. Include the completed recommendation form in electronic format from each of your two recommenders with any optional letter attached in electronic format from either or both of the two recommenders.
8. A copy of IRS Tax receipt from your 2019 federal tax return.

Application Submission Instructions

1. Attach: the application and all of the required documentation in the checklist above to one (1) email message.
2. In the "Subject" field of the email, insert your last name and first initial, followed by the word "Application" (example - Jones, S.- Application)
3. Email the application with all of the attachments in one email to SSAFS@selfstorage.org by midnight Eastern Time, May 1, 2020. (Incomplete applications, including those with missing attachments, are not considered.)
4. Retain a copy of the application and attachments for your files.

Notification

Applicants selected as award recipients will be notified in June.

Disbursements

Scholarships are for one academic year only and range from \$1,000 to \$5,000. All disbursements are pending proof of enrollment and will be made directly to the recipient's academic institution on an annual basis. Scholarships are to be used only for tuition, fees, course-related expenses, and room and board.

The recipient must maintain a good conduct standing and at least a "C" cumulative average or a 2.0 (on a 4.0 scale) cumulative GPA. Should a recipient fall below the required 2.0 GPA, drop out between semester disbursements, or lower credits from the amount required for the scholarship, the recipient forfeits the remainder of the scholarship.

A portion of the scholarship may be considered taxable by the IRS. The recipient is responsible for any tax liability incurred as a result of the award.

The SSA Foundation will not discriminate against any person in the selection process on the basis of age, race, religion, sex, or national origin.

Application Deadline

Application and all required documentation must be received by **midnight Eastern Time, MAY 1, 2020** to be considered for the 2020-2021 Scholarship Award.

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SSAF scholarships are intended for students who are employees of SSA Direct Member companies or the children/grandchildren of employees of SSA Direct Member companies. Students or prospective students must have a minimum C average or GPA of 2.0 on a 4 point scale and financial need.

PLEASE COMPLETE AND SAVE A COPY ON YOUR COMPUTER FOR EMAIL SUBMISSION WITH YOUR SCANNED REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS IN SECTIONS 5, 6 AND 7. NO HAND WRITTEN APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

1. APPLICANT PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name:		
Home Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Telephone:	Email (required):	

2. ACADEMIC PROFILE

Name of current school:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Guidance/College Counselor's Name:		
Tel:	Email:	
Your high school GPA: on a point scale. If applicable, your college GPA on a point scale.		
Postsecondary school/college/university you will attend in the upcoming semester:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Enrollment status for 2020-2021: <input type="checkbox"/> Freshman <input type="checkbox"/> Sophomore <input type="checkbox"/> Junior <input type="checkbox"/> Senior <input type="checkbox"/> Master's Program <input type="checkbox"/> Other:		

Before funding, proof of enrollment will be required for at least 6 credit hours per semester for employee applicants qualifying under section 4a on this form. For applicants qualifying under section 4b, full time status, 12 credits or more per semester will be required.

3. PERSONAL PROFILE:

a. On another page, provide a five-sentence paragraph describing your specific academic or career goals and why you should be awarded the SSAF Scholarship and list special achievements/honors and recognition received in the past two years.

4. SELF STORAGE AFFILIATION (TWO YEARS MINIMUM REQUIRED AT AN SSA DIRECT MEMBER COMPANY)

Please complete either section 4a. or 4b. below.

4a) <input type="checkbox"/> I am a current employee at an SSA Direct Member company.	# Years employed in the industry:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Immediate Past Direct Member Employer (If less than two years at current company)		
4b) <input type="checkbox"/> My parent/legal guardian/grandparent is an employee of an SSA Direct Member company		
Name of parent/legal guardian/grandparent:		
Company name:		
SSA member number:	# Years with company:	
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Supervisor's name:		
Tel:	Email (required):	

5. RECOMMENDATIONS REQUIRED

Two recommendation letters from non-relative officials within your community familiar with you and your background (school counselor, employer, pastor, etc.). (SEE ATTACHED RECOMMENDATION FORM)

6. ATTACH AN UP-TO-DATE TRANSCRIPT OF YOUR ACADEMIC RECORD

7. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Attach Student Aid Report (SAR) you received following submission of your FAFSA Form for 2020-2021. Please mail-in IRS 2018 Tax Transcripts.

By checking this box, I attest that I am the applicant, and I declare that the information stated in this scholarship application and the attachments are true to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that I have not willfully suppressed any material fact. I authorize background investigation of all statements contained in this record if my application is considered. I acknowledge that all the above information and statements may be transferred to other entities now or hereafter within the SSAF which may be accessed and utilized by the SSAF and/or such entities. The information and statements will be used for the purpose of consideration of my scholarship application. Sign & Date:

APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR 2020-2021 ACADEMIC YEAR: MAY 1, 2020.

Note: Submit in one email with all required attachments in sections 5,6 and 7 above and the fully completed Student Aid Report from the 2020 FAFSA form to SSAFS@selfstorage.org. There will be no deadline exceptions. All required application materials and required attachments (including recommendations) must be submitted electronically in one email by the deadline. Incomplete and late applications are automatically ineligible. For additional information or copies of this form, go to www.selfstorage.org.