



The Miami HEAT offers four (4) HEAT Scholarships each valued at \$2,500.00 available to high school seniors who excel in academics and community service:

1. Two (2) *Miami HEAT Scholarships* awarded.
2. One (1) *Dr. Jack Ramsay Scholarship* awarded.
3. One (1) *Alec Kessler Student-Athlete Scholarship* awarded.

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Miami HEAT Scholarship: Awarded to students who have excelled in academics & community service and have a financial need.

Dr. Jack Ramsay Scholarship: Awarded to student who excels in academics & community service and who plans to pursue a degree in Broadcast Journalism or Sports Communications.

Alec Kessler Student-Athlete Scholarship: Awarded to student who excels in academics & community service, participates in a sport and has a financial need.

DEADLINE: APRIL 4, 2009

Application deadline is Saturday, April 4, 2009. Completed applications must be postmarked by this date. *Incomplete applications will not be considered.* A Miami HEAT representative will contact the recipients of the HEAT Scholarships prior to June 30, 2009. All other applicants will be notified by mail. Scholarship awards will be applied towards the winners' first year college tuition in the Fall of 2009.

ELIGIBILITY

In order to be considered for any of our three HEAT Scholarships, the student must meet the following criteria:

- Applicant must be a high school student enrolled in a Miami-Dade, Broward, or Palm Beach County public or private school.
- Applicant must have a minimum GPA of 3.2 by the end of the second grading period of their senior year.
- Applicant must submit an official transcript from the high school registrar along with a copy of their SAT and/or ACT score.
- Applicant must have an unmet financial need for assistance. In order to prove a financial need, please submit a copy of the **household's** W2 form(s) and a copy of the last tax filing (i.e. 1040 form) for all household members.* †
- Letters to be submitted by applicant:
 - ✓ Two (2) letters of recommendation – each from a current high school teacher or administrator.
 - ✓ Two (2) or more letters from a community based organization, on that organization's letterhead verifying community service and hours performed.
 - ✓ One (1) letter from High School Athletic Director or Coach verifying candidate's participation in a high school sport. †
- Applicant must be accepted to and enroll in a four year accredited college or university in the USA. Please submit a copy of the **letter of acceptance** to the four year accredited college or university.
- Applicant must complete a writing sample as outlined in the application form.

SELECTION CRITERIA

A panel comprised of Miami HEAT employees and Miami HEAT Family Outreach Charitable Fund Board Members will review/rate the applications and make final decisions on scholarship awards. The following criteria will be considered equally in evaluating applicants:

- Career Goals
- Writing Sample
- Financial Need
- Teacher/School official recommendations
- Academic Achievement
- Community Service Verification Letter(s)
- College/ University Acceptance Letter
- Sport Participation †

Please submit all materials to:

Miami HEAT Scholarships
C/O Ralph Leon
Miami HEAT
601 Biscayne Blvd.
Miami, FL 33132

* Applies only to *Miami HEAT Scholarship* applicants

† Applies only to *Miami HEAT Alec Kessler Student-Athlete* applicants

