



The Miami HEAT and BankUnited are offering five (5) HEAT Scholarships each valued at \$5,000.00 available to high school seniors who excel in academics and community service:

1. Three (3) *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 students who have excelled in academics & community service and have a financial need.

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

**DEADLINE: JANUARY 25, 2020**

**Applications are due by Saturday, January 25, 2020.** 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, 2020. All other applicants will be notified by mail. Scholarships will be awarded per eligibility criteria below and per all NBA rules and regulations. Scholarship awards will be applied towards the winners' first year college tuition in the Fall of 2020.

### ELIGIBILITY

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

- Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.
- Applicant must be a high school student enrolled in a Miami-Dade, Broward, Monroe or Palm Beach County public or private school.
- Applicant must have a minimum **un-weighted GPA** of 3.2 **by the end of the first 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 as determined by the university's Financial Aid Office. 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 **on school letterhead.**
  - Two (2) or more letters from a community based organization, **on that specific organization's letterhead** verifying community service and hours performed.
  - One (1) letter from High School Athletic Director or Coach **on school letterhead** 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 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:

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

Please submit all materials to:

Miami HEAT Scholarships  
C/O Leon Bichachi  
Miami HEAT  
601 Biscayne Boulevard, Miami, FL 33132

\* Applies only to *Alec Kessler Student-Athlete Scholarship* applicants

**Please check-off Scholarship you are applying for:**  
Only one Scholarship Application per packet. Please submit a separate packet if applying for more than one of the following.

- HEAT Scholarship/Dr. Jack Ramsay Scholarship
- Alec Kessler Student-Athlete Scholarship



## **APPLICATION - 2020**

### **PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Student Name:  Mr.  Ms. \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Apt #

\_\_\_\_\_ City State Zip

Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Other: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Social Security #: \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_

Total Household Income:

- \$0 - \$24,999
- \$25,000 - \$49,999
- \$50,000 - \$74,999
- \$75,000 - \$99,999
- \$100,000 - Above

College or University that you plan to attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Intended Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Extracurricular Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Community Service Hours: \_\_\_\_\_ Un-Weighted GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Weighted GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Honors/Scholarships Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Sport(s) You Participate In At School: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check boxes below if you participate in one or more of these competitive basketball leagues:

- High School JV or Varsity
- Amateur Athletic Union (AAU)
- Other, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

**Written Personal Statement Instructions** - Prepare a personal statement of at least 500 words or more describing:

**Miami HEAT Scholarship/Dr. Jack Ramsay Scholarship Essay topic:** A noteworthy personal, work-related or academic accomplishment. Relate this to your career goals and anticipated achievements.

**Alec Kessler Student-Athlete Scholarship Essay topic:** A noteworthy personal, work-related or academic accomplishment and how sports assisted in your achievement. Relate this to your career goals and anticipated achievements.

### **CERTIFICATION**

I certify that the information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the information will be considered confidential for review.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

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Date