



COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION—2017

Responses in the application as well as the essay must be typewritten.

Your complete application must be received by AG Bell no later than **5:00pm EST on March 10, 2017.**

IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

Applicant Name (First, MI, Last): _____

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY) _____ Gender: Male Female

Complete Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Communication throughout the process is conducted only via email.

Is applicant or applicant's parent a current AG Bell member? Yes No

Note: AG Bell membership may be required for some scholarships

HEARING HEALTH & COMMUNICATION INFORMATION

Is your hearing loss bilateral? Yes No

Age when hearing loss was diagnosed: _____ Pure Tone Average*: _____

*This must be completed for your application to be considered. If you have a cochlear implant, indicate "CI". If you do not have a cochlear implant and your PTA is less than 60 dB in your better-hearing ear, you do not qualify and should not apply.

If applicable, age at which applicant was fitted with hearing aid(s): _____

If applicable, age at which applicant received cochlear implant(s) _____

Applicant uses Listening and Spoken Language as the primary mode of communication: Yes No

What other method(s) of communication and educational support service(s) are used in daily communications and educational settings? Check all that apply.

____ Speech Reading

____ Sign Language System (ASL, Signed English, Finger Spelling, etc.). If checked, please indicate:

I use sign language with:

____ Teachers/professors ____ Friends who are deaf ____ Friends with typical hearing

____ Other (please describe): _____

____ Cued Speech ____ Note taker ____ Oral Interpreter(s)

____ Communication Access Real-time Translation (CART) ____ Sign Language Interpreter(s)

____ Auditory Listening Device, such as FM System or FM SoundField

____ Other (please describe): _____

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Applicant's Current Educational Status:

_____ High School Senior

_____ College Freshman _____ College Sophomore _____ College Junior

_____ College Senior/Rising Graduate Student

_____ Rising Graduate Student _____ Graduate Student, first year _____ Graduate Student, second year

_____ Rising Doctoral Student _____ Doctoral Student, first year _____ Doctoral Student, second year

Current high school seniors need to complete this:

High school **non-weighted** cumulative GPA*: _____ on a scale of: _____

**Must be at least 3.25 on a non-weighted 4.0 scale (or scale equivalent) to be eligible; non-weighted cumulative GPA must be officially provided by the school, if not on the transcript, then in a separate letter. Official transcripts are a required element.*

Non-U.S. Applicants, please indicate your non-weighted GPA equivalent based on your country's educational system: _____

Cumulative GPA, equivalent or percentage grade must be provided on transcript or in a letter from a school official.

Current or returning college students need to complete this:

College cumulative GPA*: _____ on a scale of: _____

**Must be at least 3.25 on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent) to be eligible. Official transcripts are a required element.*

Non-U.S. Applicants:

please indicate your GPA equivalent based on your country's educational system: _____

Cumulative GPA, equivalent or percentage grade must be provided on transcript or in a letter from a school official.

COLLEGE INFORMATION

For the 2017-2018 academic year,

_____ I am attending or will attend: _____

_____ I have applied to (list top three colleges): _____

If accepted, I plan to attend: _____

Note: If you have not yet heard from all of the colleges you applied to or haven't made a final decision about where you'll attend college, once you have made a decision, please inform AG Bell by sending an email to financialaid@agbell.org. This information will be forwarded to the review committee during their deliberations.

Expected date of graduation/degree completion: _____

Areas(s) of academic concentration/major(s): _____

Career plans, in general: _____

Please tell us, in general, how you plan to pay for college and if you have other scholarships.

If you are selected to receive an AG Bell College Scholarship, please tell us how you would use the award.

DEMONSTRATION OF LEADERSHIP

In the space below, cite one example of leadership that will introduce us to the accomplished person you are. *It's helpful if you can answer questions such as: What did you do/what was your part in the project? What new information did you learn? What did you discover about yourself, about others, about the world? Where did you shine? What areas of improvement did you discover? Do not include a separate sheet of paper for this question.*

If you've been featured in a published article for an achievement or demonstration of leadership that is available online, you may include the URL at the end of your narrative paragraph(s). Do NOT attach a copy of the article; it will not be forwarded to the review committee.

DEALING WITH CHALLENGES

In the space below, please tell us briefly about one situation that was challenging for you because of your hearing loss and how you resolved or dealt with the situation. *Do not include a separate sheet of paper for this question.*

APPLICANT ESSAY

Select one of the following topics for your essay.

- You have successfully completed your collegiate studies and obtained your degree. Now you are interviewing for your dream job. Describe what this job is and why you should be hired.
- You have been elected president/leader of your country. What issues are you going to work on during your term, why have you chosen to focus on these issues, and how are you going to solve them?
- Describe an event or interaction that had a significant impact on you. Why was it significant? How were you impacted? What were your thoughts and reflections on this event at the time and since? How has that event or interaction changed you and/or the direction of your life?
- Describe what your life is like 15 years from now and the impact that you have had on those around you, personally, professionally or both. (Alternative: Write a descriptive obituary for yourself.)

NOTE: Previous AG Bell Scholarship recipients may write a specific essay about your college experience. Graduate students may wish to focus on their research in their essay, which is encouraged.

Your essay must be typed and is limited to one single-sided page. Margins and font style/size are not dictated, as long as the essay is easily read without magnification. Handwritten essays and essays longer than one page will render the entire application ineligible.

FREE FORM SHARING (optional)

This is a chance to tell the committee something special about you that you haven't already shared. *Do not include a separate sheet of paper.*

UNDERSTANDING AND AGREEMENT

I certify that I use listening and spoken language as my *primary* mode of communication and that, to the best of my knowledge, all information contained in this application is true and accurate.

I understand that if I am selected to receive an AG Bell College Scholarship Award for the 2017-2018 academic year, AG Bell will release information stating this along with my name and city and state of residence to the media and/or the AG Bell community.

I understand that the receipt of a College Scholarship is contingent upon my full-time attendance at an accredited mainstream four-year college or university in the coming academic year.

Student/Applicant Signature (required): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature, if applicant is under 18: _____

Date: _____

2017 COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP RECOMMENDATION REQUEST

To the applicant: please copy this and the following page and give both to each person from whom you are requesting a letter of recommendation.

To the Recommender: You are receiving this recommendation request in support of an application for an AG Bell Internship/Scholarship for the 2017-2018 academic year. This is a merit-based program and award selection is extremely competitive. The information you provide is a critical element of the student's application.

In a one- or two-page single-sided letter, preferably on your business or organization's letterhead, please address the following characteristics of the applicant:

- ✓ What is it about the applicant that makes him or her stand out from his or her peers?
- ✓ What are some things at which the applicant excels?
- ✓ What are some areas or skills which the applicant is working to improve?
- ✓ Describe how the applicant interacts with her or her peers, teachers, professors, etc.
- ✓ You may share any other information you feel would be helpful, such as the applicant's motivation, intellect, creativity, discipline and maturity. It would be most helpful if you can recall specific instances in which these qualities were revealed to you.

Note: the applicant's transcripts are included in the application; we do not need to know about grades, but are interested in a descriptive narrative about growth, achievements, abilities and potential.

Please Also Note:

- The review committee comprises individuals who work in the field of education and who are familiar with hearing loss, hearing technology and accommodations, so you do not need to describe these in detail.
- Letters longer than two pages will disqualify the applicant.
- Please do NOT staple pages together.
- Information must be provided on a single side of each page; the back of pages will not be transmitted to the review committee.
- Please submit your recommendation to scholarships@agbell.org with the student's name in the title, or by mail to AG Bell, 3417 Volta Place NW, Washington, DC 20007.
- If your position/employer precludes you from completing the cover sheet, please let the applicant know so he or she may find another reference. Cover sheets that indicate "I cannot complete this" or have a lot of "cannot judge" boxes checked will result in a poor score for the applicant, significantly reducing his or her chance for a scholarship.

VERY IMPORTANT: Your letter of recommendation AND cover sheet must be received by AG Bell no later than **March 10, 2017**. The cover sheet is a required element of your reference; if it is not included, the student's application will be considered incomplete. Submit your letter via email to:

Scholarships@agbell.org or by mail to: AG Bell College Scholarships/3417 Volta Place NW/Washington, DC 20007.



AG BELL COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION COVER SHEET

A cover sheet is required from each reference

Name of student applicant _____

To the individual making this recommendation:

The above-named student has asked you to provide a letter of recommendation for a College Scholarship. ***Please complete this form and include it with your letter of recommendation. This is a required element of the application.***

How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant? _____

In the table below, please indicate how the applicant ranks in comparison to other students of the same year, i.e. other high school seniors, other college sophomores, other graduate students.

Characteristic	Top 2%	Top 5%	Top 10%	Top 25%	Top 50%	Bottom 50%	Cannot Judge
Intellectual Depth							
Willingness to Work Hard							
Creativity/Imagination							
Emotional Maturity/Stability							
Motivation/Perseverance							
Writing Ability							
Skill in Oral Presentations							
Professional Potential							
Critical/Analytical Thinking							
Personal/Interpersonal Skills							
Collaborative Ability							
Independence/Initiative							
Reliability/Responsibility							
Work Ethic							

If you had one scholarship to award personally and the top 10 students in your school/class applied, would you award the scholarship to this student? Yes No

My overall recommendation for this applicant is:

Very Strong Strong Average Below Average Recommend with Reservations

Name _____ Title _____

Organization _____

Signature _____ Date _____