



Dear High School Senior:

The Havasu Foundation for Higher Education (HFHE) was established in 2004 by a group of Lake Havasu City citizens who are concerned about the future of higher education in our community. We have realized our goal of bringing a four-year university to Lake Havasu City.

In continuing to help meet the needs of our community, HFHE has founded a scholarship program currently available to graduating high school seniors and to transfer students who have earned an associate degree from an accredited two-year university. This scholarship is only applicable to students accepted to ASU Colleges at Lake Havasu City.

High school students applying for the **Conard O. Blevins Merit Scholarship** must provide evidence of a commitment to the advancement of higher education, merit, traditional progress toward high school graduation (GPA and SAT or ACT scores), attendance, character, citizenship/leadership, school/community involvement, volunteer activities, essay submission, and personal references. If awarded a scholarship, the recipient may apply for an extension of this scholarship for 2013. The number of scholarships and the amount of each will depend upon funds available. Should no funds be available, no scholarship extensions will be awarded.

The following information must be submitted in order:

- Completed checklist
- Completed application (original, typed or neatly printed in black or blue ink) **Note:** The application is available on the website www.HavasusFoundation.org
- Official High School Transcript (through the 7th semester is preferred)
- A documented Grade Point Average (≥ 3.0 GPA in competency courses)
- A documented class rank and class size (Top 25% in high school graduating class)
- An ACT or SAT score
 - ACT ≥ 24 , or
 - SAT Reasoning ≥ 1100
- A resume inclusive of the following items:
 - Evidence of extracurricular activities, volunteerism, honors, and awards.
 - Employment history / work experience / skills.
 - Participation in "time-intensive" activities (Band, sports, etc.)
 - Leadership roles held in any of the above.
- Two recommendations from teachers using HFHE's form and one recommendation from a non-related adult. All three recommendation letters are to be returned in separately sealed envelopes.
- The essay is to be a minimum of 350 words with a maximum of 400 words, double-spaced, and typed, using the theme: "How I will serve as a role model for future students by being one of the first students to attend ASU Colleges at Lake Havasu City."
- Documentation certifying you are a U.S. citizen or legal "Permanent U.S. Resident."

Please send the completed application packet to: HFHE, c/o Dr. Pamela Meyers, P.O. Box 1020, Lake Havasu City, AZ 86405.

Sincerely,

Pamela Meyers, Ph.D.
HFHE Scholarship Chairperson

Rating Guidelines for the Conard O. Blevins Merit Scholarship

Selection of scholarship winners will be made on the basis of Scholarship, Citizenship/Leadership, Essay, and Recommendations. Each applicant's entire high school experience will be considered. The HFHE Scholarship Selection Committee will seek to identify those applicants who are well-rounded and excel in each of the identified categories.

The general measurement will be defined and applied in this manner:

- **SCHOLARSHIP (45%).** The applicant must be within the top 25% of his/her graduating class, maintain a minimum of 3.0 GPA in competency courses, and have an ACT score of ≥ 24 or an SAT Reasoning score of ≥ 1110 .
- **CITIZENSHIP/LEADERSHIP (35 %).** The applicant should exhibit a record of high standards of citizenship/leadership throughout his/her high school years. Service to school, community or other organizations will be considered. Evidence of a long-term commitment to service will receive particular attention. The qualities of leadership in high school can be measured in part by the responsibilities placed on a student by his/her teachers, employers, and in leadership positions held (i.e., officer, captain, chair) in extracurricular activities, employment, and community service. However, evidence of positive influence with fellow students also shall be considered an indication of leadership.
- **ESSAY (10%)** The applicant's essay will be critiqued based on mechanics, style, and content of the essay. The essay should be clearly written and well-organized. It should maintain a well-focused discussion. The applicant should clearly support the essay theme, show insightful reasoning, provide persuasive examples, and demonstrate a mature outlook respective of a college-bound individual. The essay is to be a minimum of 400 words, double-spaced, and typed.
- **RECOMMENDATIONS (10%).** Three recommendations will be required. Two Letters of Recommendation from teachers and one from non-related adult. Recommendations are to be returned in separately sealed envelopes. Applicants will be rated by their teachers based upon participation in class discussion, involvement in class activities, consistent performance in class, pursuit of independent study, attendance, consideration of others, and attitude.

SPECIAL NOTE: It is the intent of HFHE that the above judging criteria be based on high school and community experiences from the 9th through 12th grades. HFHE wishes to reward students for excellence over the course of their entire high school years.

**CONARD O. BLEVINS MERIT SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICANT CHECKLIST**

Submit the following in a folder and in order, with this checklist attached to the front (first) page.

- ___ Checklist
- ___ Application form
- ___ Official high school transcript (including GPA, class rank & size, and ACT/SAT scores)
- ___ Resume inclusive of the following items:
 - Evidence of extracurricular activities, volunteerism, honors, and awards.
 - Employment history / work experience / skills.
 - Participation in “time-intensive” activities (Band, sports, etc.)
 - Leadership roles held in any of the above
- ___ Documentation certifying you are a U.S. citizen or legal “Permanent U.S. Resident”
- ___ Three letters of recommendation (Each separately sealed in an envelope)
- ___ Essay

DEADLINE: The application packet (inclusive of all supporting documentation) must be postmarked no later than **March 30, 2012** and received within one week of deadline. *Late or incomplete application packets will NOT be accepted. Decisions of the Board of HFHE are final.*

Mail completed scholarship application packets to:

HFHE
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Lake Havasu City, AZ 86405

**CONARD O. BLEVINS MERIT SCHOLARSHIP
LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION**

Student's Name: _____

Teacher's Name: _____

Course of Study: _____

	Poor (1)	Fair (2)	Good (3)	Excellent (4)	Far Beyond Expectation (5)
Participation in class discussions					
Involvement in class activities					
Consistent satisfactory performance					
Pursuit of independent study					
Consideration of others					
Displays positive attitude					

How long have you known this student? _____

Please list any other courses in which you have taught this student or school activities you have directed in which this student has participated.

Please include any specific characteristics of this student demonstrating that he/she has a mature outlook respective of a college-bound individual.

Teacher's Signature

Date

TEACHER: Please place the completed evaluation form in a sealed envelope with the student's name on the front and that of HFHE. Please return the sealed envelope to the student. Recommendations will be submitted by the student to HFHE as part of the application packet.