

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.

Lake Havasu High School students applying for the **Jeffrey A. Baer Memorial Scholarship** must provide evidence of character, citizenship/leadership, school/community involvement, volunteer activities, essay submission, and personal references, as well as dedication to the community of Lake Havasu City. Each year, the Jeffrey A. Baer Memorial Scholarship will offer an extension to its recipient until completion of a four-year degree based upon the recipient's good standing and upon availability of funds. 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
- A documented class rank and class size
- ACT or SAT score
- 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 letter of recommendation from a non-related adult. All three recommendations 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 do you envision Havasu's future 5-, 10- and 20-years from now? If you decide to reside in Havasu after graduation, how might you be of assistance in helping to build that future?"
- Documentation certifying you are a U.S. citizen and an Arizona 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 Jeffrey A. Baer Memorial 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 - (30%). Applicants must successfully complete ASU competency requirements. Applicants must also meet at least one of the following: (<https://students.asu.edu/freshman/requirements>)

- Top 25% in high school graduating class
- 3.0 GPA in competency courses (4.0 = A)
- ACT 22
- SAT Reasoning 1040

CITIZENSHIP/LEADERSHIP - (45 %). 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 - (15%) 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. Topic: "How do you envision Havasu's future 5-, 10- and 20-years from now? If you decide to reside in Havasu after graduation, how might you be of assistance in helping to build that future?"

RECOMMENDATIONS - (10%). Three recommendations will be required. Two Letters of Recommendation from teachers using HFHE's form and one from a 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.

**JEFFREY A. BAER MEMORIAL 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 and an Arizona 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
c/o Dr. Pamela Meyers
P.O. Box 1020
Lake Havasu City, AZ 86405

**JEFFREY A. BAER MEMORIAL 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. Include any other information that would be helpful in considering this candidate.

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.