

WINTER GUARD ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA 2012 AWARDS PROGRAM

1. DEADLINE for scholarship applications is Monday, March 19, 2012. Applications will not be accepted after this date. Refer to the award categories below for criteria and eligibility requirements. The WGASC Scholarship Awards and WGASC Distinguished Service Awards are competitively given. A panel of WGASC representatives, convened by the President of the Circuit determines award winners.
2. Refer to application process below for a list of the supporting documents needed (i.e., reference forms, evidence of GPA, etc.) Incomplete applications will not be considered.
3. If any question does not apply to you in this application please put N/A in the space.
4. Completed applications and application components will be submitted via the web form provided at www.wgasc.org on or before the deadline.
5. If you have any questions about the application, please e-mail WGASC's Vice President of Public Relations at RHahn@wgasc.org (Robert Hahn).

Purpose: The WGASC Awards Program honors the outstanding accomplishments of selected Southern California color guard performers with recognition at WGASC's Circuit Championships and a cash award paid to the institution of the awardee's choice (after providing evidence of school registration), to help defray the expenses associated with tuition and fees for scholastic endeavors or professional training.

Award Categories: Applicants may apply in one or both of the following award categories:

- **WGASC SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS** recognize academic achievement and commitment to further education at an institution of higher learning or a technical/professional school. Eligibility is limited to individuals (including instructors) who have a cumulative high school (or post high school) GPA of 3.0 or higher; have participated with a WGASC color guard unit for at least three years, and/or have been accepted and (or) enrolled in an accredited college or university, technical school, or professional training program at the time the award is made. Consideration will be given to individuals who, in their application, demonstrate personal hardship (financial, family commitment, health or disability) to attain an educational goal.
- **WGASC DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS** recognize service to a color guard and a plan of study or training program that in some way incorporate a fundamental aspect of color guard participation (e.g., leadership, teamwork, or organization) to that study or training. Eligibility is limited to individuals (including instructors) who have a cumulative high school (or post high school) GPA of 2.0 or higher; have participated with a WGASC color guard unit for at least three years; have been accepted and (or) enrolled in an accredited college or university, technical school, or professional training program at the time the award is made. Consideration will be given to individuals who, in their application, demonstrate personal hardship (e.g. financial, family commitment, health or disability) to attain an educational goal.

Application Process and Transmittal Instructions:

#	APPLICATION COMPONENTS	FILE NAME
1	COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM (**)	Included as part of your application file.
2	COMPLETED AWARD QUESTIONS (**) NOTE: Applicants who want to be considered for both awards must answer all questions. Your response to the Award Questions is a required component of your application.	Included as part of your application file.
3&4	TWO (2) LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION (LR) (**) NOTE: LRS SHOULD COME FROM CHOICE HS TEACHERS, ADMINISTRATORS, COUNSELORS, EMPLOYERS, OR INDIVIDUALS WITH SIGNIFICANT KNOWLEDGE OF APPLICANT'S EXPERIENCE AND INVOLVEMENT.	LASTNAME.FIRSTNAMELR1.PDF LASTNAME.FIRSTNAMELR2.PDF
5	HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT (HST) FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES (**)	LASTNAME.FIRSTNAMEHST.PDF
6	COLLEGE OR TECHNICAL SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT (CT) FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS (**)	LASTNAME.FIRSTNAMECT.PDF
7	HARDSHIP STATEMENT (IF APPLICABLE)	Included as part of your application file.

- Be sure to save your application components in .pdf format using the file naming convention noted above. Insert your own last name.firstname when saving your pdf files.
- Your responses to the Award Questions should be noted just below each question and considered a required component of your application. Only complete applications with all required (**) components will be considered for awards.
- After you have gathered all of your application components, please use the web form at www.wgasc.org to submit them. Remember the deadline is March 19, 2012.

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All information provided on the award application form is strictly confidential and will only be used to determine award winners.

Award you are apply for:



SCHOLARSHIP AWARD



DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Last Name:	First Name:
Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Phone <i>(Include area code)</i> :	Date of Birth:

Father's Name:	Phone <i>(Include area code)</i> :
Occupation:	Do you reside with your father? (Yes/No)
Mother's Name:	Phone <i>(Include area code)</i> :
Occupation:	Do you reside with your mother? (Yes/No)

High School of Graduation:	Year:	City:
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I will be attending the following school in the Fall of 2012: _____
Proof of acceptance or current student enrollment from the above school is required prior to receipt of funds. (Submitted to WGASC during the summer)

Cumulative high school GPA as of February 1, 2012: _____

Cumulative college/technical school GPA as of February 1, 2012: _____
If applicable

ACT Score: _____ OR SAT Score: _____
 Note: A copy of your ACT **or** SAT score on official high school transcript is required.

List the name of any colleges you have attended. <i>(If applicable)</i>	Year Began	Year Ended	Year Graduated <i>(If applicable)</i>	Type of Degree Received <i>(If applicable)</i>
A.				
B.				
C.				

What do you plan to major in as you continue your education?

	Varsity	Jr. Varsity
Current color guard unit:	Years as member:	
Former color guard unit:	Years as member:	
Former color guard unit:	Years as member:	

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AWARD QUESTIONS

Please briefly answer the following questions (1000 characters maximum per question). If you are applying for both award categories, answer the questions in both areas. Insert your essay just below each question.

❖ **ALL APPLICANTS**

Please tell us about yourself. What kind of scholastic, recreational, civic, employment, and family activities do you participate?

❖ **SCHOLARSHIP AWARD APPLICANTS ONLY**

Please tell us about your academic and career goals. In what ways will your color guard experience contribute to the successful realization of your goals?

❖ **DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD APPLICANTS ONLY**

Please tell us about your services to your color guard unit. What aspects of your service (e.g., leadership, teamwork, and (or) organization do you plan to incorporate in your educational and career goals, and how will your service experience help you realize these goals?

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❖ **OPTIONAL**

If you would like us to consider an obstacle to your goals that you have overcome or will face, such as financial hardship, family commitment(s), health or disability, please briefly describe it. How has your experience in color guard overcome these obstacles?

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I further certify the transcripts (HST or CT) and letters of recommendation (LR) have not been altered.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, I must provide evidence of enrollment/registration at the post-secondary institution of my choice before scholarship funds can be awarded. I understand that the inclusion of any inaccurate information on this award application will result in the forfeiture of any monetary award, if received.

By checking this box, you agree to the above mentioned terms.