

**GUIDELINES FOR THE
SAMALOT - SEBASTIAN
SCHOLARSHIP FUND
(A Dade Community Foundation Scholarship Program)
(Deadline: April 4, 2008)**

HISTORY

Omar A. Samalot and Michelle E. Sebastian established this scholarship fund in 2004 for the purpose of providing scholarship support to minority high school students in need of financial assistance. Up to three scholarships of \$2,000.00 each may be awarded on an annual basis.

Specifically, the fund provides scholarships to South Florida minority high school seniors who are enrolling full-time in a 4-year university/college.

DEADLINE

The application deadline is **April 4, 2008**. Applications must be mailed to:

**ATTN: Ted Seijo - Development Officer
Dade Community Foundation
Samalot – Sebastian Scholarship Fund
200 South Biscayne Boulevard, Suite 505
Miami, Florida 33131-2343
Phone: 305.371.2711
Website: www.dadecommunityfoundation.org**

Applications must be postmarked by April 4, 2008. If an application is missing information, our offices will be unable to inform the applicant of deficiencies. We will send a letter of acknowledgment that your application has been received. **NO FAXED APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED!**

AWARDS

The Samalot – Sebastian Scholarship is awarded annually to at least three minority high-school seniors, each award is \$2,000.00.

ELIGIBILITY

In order to qualify, students must meet the following criteria:

- Applicant must be a permanent resident or citizen of the U.S. and domiciled in South Florida.
- Applicant must have a minimum high school grade point average of 3.5
- Applicant must be minority high-school senior demonstrating merit and financial need.
- Applicant must be enrolling as a full-time student (min. 12 credits hrs. per semester) in a four-year college/university.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Dade Community Foundation will review and evaluate the applications, and work with a scholarship advisory committee, which will recommend the awardees. The following criteria will be considered in evaluating applicants:

- **Financial Need**
- **Academic Achievement**
- **Personal Statement/Career Goals**
- **Volunteer/Work Experience and School Activities**
- **Recommendations**

GUIDELINES FOR COMPLEATING THIS APPLICATION:

- **Be sure to enclose all of the proper attachments**
- **Do not use a binder or notebook for the application**
- **Do not use plastic sheet protectors**
- **A staple, paper clip or butterfly clip in the upper left hand corner is sufficient**

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY

I. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name of Applicant:
Address:
Home Phone:
Email Address:
Birth Date of Applicant:
Social Security Number:
College or University that you plan to attend:
Intended Major:
Name of School Currently Attending:
Address of School Attending:
U.S. Citizen: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If No, do you have Florida Resident Status? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

II. GRADE POINT AVERAGE/TRANSCRIPT. Cumulative high school GPA_____ out of a scale of _____

PLEASE ATTACH AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT. DO NOT SEND THE TRANSCRIPT SEPARATELY. DOWNLOADED GRADES FROM THE INTERNET (UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS) WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

III. PERSONAL STATEMENT/CAREER GOALS. In two to three, typewritten pages please prepare your personal statement and career goals. Describe within these pages the importance that scholarship assistance would have for you in meeting these goals. **Specifically discuss circumstances that make you particularly eligible for this scholarship such as any obstacles or hardships you have encountered and how you have dealt with them (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEETS.)**

IV. VOLUNTEER/WORK EXPERIENCE OR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES. Please describe on a separate sheet of paper recent volunteer experience, work experience, and school activities. **(ATTACH SEPARATE SHEETS.)**

V. LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION. Please provide three letters of recommendation from a teacher/faculty member who has been involved in your high school education or community leaders you have worked with. **These letters must be on official letterhead.**

VI. FINANCIAL NEED. Please provide your family's estimated combined annual income for the previous year in U.S. dollars:_____. Total number of family dependents_____.

On a separate sheet of paper please describe any circumstances related to your family's financial status which would give the Scholarship Committee a better understanding of the importance of this scholarship.

I certify that all the information on this form is true and complete to the best of my/our knowledge. If asked by any authorized official of Dade Community Foundation, I agree to give documentation for information given on this form. I realize that this proof may include a copy of a U.S. tax return and/or state income tax return. I realize that failure to comply with a request for further information may prevent the applicant from being considered. I understand that the financial information will be confidential, for review solely by Dade Community Foundation.

Applicant's Signature

Date

SUBMIT COMPLETE APPLICATION, INCLUDING ALL DOCUMENTATION. APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED UNLESS COMPLETE. DO NOT SEND MATERIALS SEPARATELY.

Checklist for the Samalot – Sebastian Scholarship attachments:

- Application completed and signed
- Personal statement
- OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT
- Original recommendation letter on official letterhead
- One photocopy of the entire completed application