The Software USA Scholarship Program

The Program
Software USA has established a college scholarship fund to encourage students with an interest in computer programming. Each year, at least one scholarship will be given to an eligible high school senior who submits a software program that is judged and accepted as superior by a committee of Software USA's technical staff. Programs are not limited by type or subject. All high school seniors from families of Software USA members, as well as all San Diego County high school students, are eligible to submit applications with their software program; The winning program will be published and distributed on a CD volume, announced and featured in the quarterly newsletter, and proceeds from its registration will go to the scholarship recipient.

Eligibility
Applicants to the Software USA Scholarship Program must:
• be matriculating as a senior (or last year of any secondary education prior to college) as of March 31, 1999;
• a parent, grandparent, or legal guardian must be an active member of Software USA at the time of final judging, otherwise applicant must be a San Diego County high school senior who meets all other requirements;
• be enrolled as part or full-time student at a college, junior college, or professional or trade school for payment of scholarship.

Awards
The individual award will be a minimum of $1000, a maximum of $5000.

Application
Interested students must complete the attached application and mail it postmarked not later than March 1st, 1999. Applicants are responsible for gathering and submitting all necessary information. Applications are evaluated on the information supplied; therefore, it is important to answer all the questions as completely as possible. All information received is considered confidential and is reviewed only by the Scholarship Committee.

Selection of Recipients
Scholarship recipients are selected on the basis of the program submitted, potential to succeed, leadership and participation in school and community activites, honors, work experience, educational and career goals, and an outside appraisal.

Payment of Scholarships
Payments will be made in October of 1999, upon proof and verification of enrollment at an acceptable scholastic insitution in accordance with the eligibility requirements of the scholarship.

Obligations
Recipients have no obligation to Software USA. They are, however, required to supply changes of address, school enrollment or other relevant information in order to recieve payments.

Revisions
Software USA reserves the right to review the conditions and procedures of this scholarship program and to make changes at any time including termination of the program.

Programming Requirements:

PC
1. We will except submissions as DOS, Win 3.1, 95 or 98 programs. We will not accept programs created for other PC operating systems.
2. All programs must be created with a licensed copy of your program. Feel free to use any programming language. You may choose of these examples, but are not limited to: Visual Basic, Visual C, C++, Macromedia Director.
3. All submissions will be assumed tested and complete as far as the author is aware.
4. Programs may be shareware, as long as it is the full version. Please make registration no more than ten dollars. (Programs with time limits or usage limits are not acceptable).
5. If there are required files that need to be installed for your program to run, please create an installer for those files. Otherwise, you may supply them with your program along with instructions as to their required location.
6. Please include a "Readme" file with: directions for use, requirements, installed files, and other important information.
7. If you create an "install", also provide an "uninstall" application if possible.

Mac
1. We will except submissions created for OS 7.5, 8.0 or 8.5. We will not accept programs created for other Macintosh operating systems.
2. All programs must be created with a legal software program. Feel free to use any programming language. Some examples you may choose from, but are not limited to: Basic, C++, and Macromedia Director.
3. All submissions will be assumed tested and complete as far as the author is aware.
4. Programs may be shareware, as long as it is the full version. Please make registration no more than ten dollars. (Programs with time limits or usage limits are not acceptable).
5. If there are required extensions and system files that need to be installed for the program to run, please create an installer for those files.
6. Please include a "Readme" file with: directions for use, requirements, installed files, and other important information.

Submissions
All submissions must be on one of the following: Diskettes, CD-ROM, or Zip Disk. You may compress your program as long as you specify which form of compression was used.

Programming Tips:

Installation:
1. Do not have a disclaimer or warning telling the user that you take no responsibility for damages your program may cause. Any warning should be included in the "Readme" file.
2. Please test the install on a "clean" machine. (i.e. Run the program on a machine with a fresh Windows install, to insure it will run without extra support files that may be already on your machine, such as, ".DLL"s installed by other programs)
3. Make sure the installation routine includes all necessary support files. This includes all runtime files.
4. Any install should tell you when it is finished.
5. Do not install to the "Auto-run" or "Startup" folder. (Do not have your program load automatically on machines once it has been installed.)

Documentation:
Make sure to include a complete "Readme" file with any instructions and other important information. Keep it informative, but not overly. Neatness is expected.

Program
1. Do not put a link to your web page from the program. If you would like to link to your page, place both Netscape® and Internet Explorer® bookmarks in a folder labeled bookmarks.
2. Make sure the program checks to see if it needs to save anything before closing.
3. Include print and save capabilities where appropriate.

Additional Information
Questions regarding the scholarship program should be addressed to: Software USA Scholarship Program
9909 Huennekens. St., Suite 200
San Diego, CA 92121

Software USA Scholarship Application

Type or print all information except signatures

If space provided is not adequate, information may be continued on additional sheets of paper and attached to the application. Do not repeat information already reported on the application form.

Applications must be postmarked no later than March 31, 1999

APPLICANT

Name   Last_____ First_____ Middle _____

Permanent Home Mailing Address

Street_____ Apt.#_____

City _____ State_____ Zip Code _____

Country _____   Phone(_____)_____

Date of Birth   Month _____ Day_____Year _____   Male ☐   Female ☐

PARENT OR GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Last Name_____ First_____ Middle_____

Address_____APT.#_____

City_____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Country _____   Day Phone (_____)_____

Relation to Applicant_____

Name of *SOFTWARE USA* Member _____

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

School Name_____Graduation Date: Month_____ Year _____

City _____ State _____   Phone(_____)_____

Current GPA _____

POST SECONDARY SCHOOL PLAN

Name of the school I plan to attend for the 2000-2001 academic year. (If unknown, please list in order of preference, the schools to which applications for admission have been sent.) Use official school names.

1._____City _____ State _____

2._____City _____ State _____

3._____City _____ State _____

Major Course of Study Planned_____

Anticipated Date of Graduation_____

WORK EXPERIENCE

Describe your work experience during the **past four years** (e.g., food server, babysitting, lawn mowing, office work). Indicate dates of emplyment in each job and approximate **number of hours worked** each week. List amounts earned at each job.

Employer/Position	From (date)	To (date)	Hours per Week	Amount Earned

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APPLICANT APPRAISAL (REQUIRED)

To be completed by a high school counselor or advisor, an instructor, or a supervisor who knows you well.

You have been asked to provide information in support of this scholarship application. Please give immediate and serious attention to the following statement. When complete, please return the application; or, photocopy this page and return to applicant in a sealed envelope.

The applicant's choice of an educational program is	☐ extremely appropriate	☐ very appropriate	☐ moderately appropriate	☐ inappropriate
The applicant's achievements reflect his/her ability	☐ extremely well	☐ very well	☐ moderately well	☐ not well
The applicant's ability to set realistic and attainable goals is	☐ excellent	☐ good	☐ fair	☐ poor
The quality of the applicant's commitment to school and/or community is	☐ excellent	☐ good	☐ fair	☐ poor
The applicant is able to seek, find, and use learning resources	☐ extremely well	☐ very well	☐ moderately well	☐ not well
The applicant demonstrates curiousity and initiative	☐ extremely well	☐ very well	☐ moderately well	☐ not well
The applicant demonstrates good problem-solving skills, follows through, and completes tasks	☐ extremely well	☐ very well	☐ moderately well	☐ not well
The applicant's respect for self and others is	☐ excellent	☐ good	☐ fair	☐ poor

Comments:

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Appraiser's Name_____ Title_____ Phone (_____) _____

Signature_____Date_____

Appraiser's Business Address_____Ste./Rm.#_____

City_____ Zip_____ Country_____

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ACTIVITIES AWARDS AND HONORS

List all school activities in which you have participated during the **past four years** (e.g., student government, music, sports, etc.)
List all community activities in which you have participated without pay during the **past four years** (e.g., Boy/Girl Scouts, hospital volunteer, Special Olympics). Note all special awards, honors and offices held.

Activity	Years Participated	Special Honors/Awards	Offices Held

GOALS AND ASPIRATIONS

Make a brief statement of your plans as they relate to your educational and career objectives and long-term goals.

UNUSUAL CIRCUM-STANCES

Briefly desribe how and when any unusual family or personal circumstances have affected you achievement in school, work experience, or your participation in school and community activities.

SOFTWARE SUBMISSION

Please describe your software program and its intended use and/or target user (i. e., tutorial, game, etc.)

Program Platform: PC ☐   MAC ☐   Both ☐

VERIFICATION OF AUTHORSHIP

I certify that I am the sole author of the program submitted herewith, and claim all copyright to said program, which was fully and completely authored by myself.

Applicant's Signature_____

Applicants understand and agree that all material submitted with the application become the property of Software USA, Inc. Applicant/Author retains all copyright interest in their creation, however, Software USA, Inc. reserves full and unrestricted rights to publish and distribute said program(s) without further permission. Any registration fee that may be generated by a software program are the property of the author, and if such fees are obtained by Software USA, they will be forwarded to the author.

Applicant's Signature_____

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OTHER AWARDS

Please list below the name and amount of any grants or scholarships you have been awarded for the 2000-2001 school year.

Name of Award   Amount

_____ $ _____   ☐ Granted   ☐ Pending

_____ $ _____   ☐ Granted   ☐ Pending

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

This application for a scholarship becomes complete and valid only when you have returned all of the following materials:

• Student Application
• Appraisal
• Software Program

The student is responsible for submitting all materials to Software USA on time.

Send by postmark deadline March 31, 1999 to:
Software USA
Scholarship Committee
9909 Huennekens Street, Suite 200
San Diego, California 92121-2929

CERTIFICATION

In submitting this application, I certify that the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. If requested, I agree to give proof of information I have given on this form. Falsification of information may result in termination of any scholarship granted. This application becomes the property of Software USA.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date_____

Parent's (Guardian's) Signature _____ Date_____