HC Scholarship Program 2020 –

Covid-19 Update to Participants

The executive committee has reviewed the existing Heritage Club Scholarship Program, and in most respects it will serve very well even in the midst of the current educational and social disruptions.

Of course there are concerns about accurate transcripts and their acceptance at universities. We have no control over that, but will defer to the valid Confirmation of Acceptance from university/colleges. Submission deadlines will remain as stated, but if there are instances where you experience an issue, please advise the Coordinator directly.

The application form requests very detailed information about volunteer, scholastic, and extra-curricular activities over the high school years. We recognize that virtually all such opportunities to participate ended in mid-March of 2020, so you should carefully detail your activities over the past 1-3 years.

To accommodate the current crisis we have made the following changes **for 2020 only**.

* Please pay particular attention to your essay. Extra weight may be given to the essay because of the uncertainty around final marks. The application requests “not less than 300 words, describing why you think you should be selected for this award.” **For 2020 only**, you may broaden the scope of the topic. You may discuss your particular situation regarding the Covid-19 crisis, your local response, or another topic of current concern. Your essay will help to tell us who you are.
* Currently two reference letters are required, one each from school and community. **For 2020 only**, we will require just one, recognizing the difficulty you may face in contacting the people you need with schools closed and community groups effectively shut down. If you can get two letters, even better, but you won’t be disqualified if you can only obtain one.
* Applications are required to be submitted as 4 hardcopies by regular mail. **For 2020 only**, you may have the choice of submitting your application package as a PDF document by email to [holmese@nl.rogers.com](mailto:holmese@nl.rogers.com). To do this, you must complete the application form, save as a PDF file, and then scan all other required documents as a PDF file. Your emailed submission must include all required documents as either one or two PDF files in one email, and must be received by June 30, 2020.

Thank you, and good luck. Stay home, and stay safe.

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