

For your application to be considered the following must be included:

- Benchmark Scholarship Application
- Telluride High School Local Scholarship Application
- Essay

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**Application for the Strokes of Genius Scholarship  
For the 2008/2009 Academic Year**

**Eligibility**

- Applicant must be a senior in high school in the Telluride R-1 School District.
- Applicant must be willing and able to assist with the Strokes of Genius Golf Tournament scheduled for July 24, 25 and 26, 2009. (If unavailable, pre-tournament assistance may be an option).
- If awarded, scholarship funds must be used for the 2009/2010 academic year (except as noted below – see \*).
- If awarded, recipient should be prepared to speak at the Strokes of Genius Golf Tournament dinner.
- There are no restrictions regarding fields of academic interest.
- Scholarship funds may be used for college or vocational school tuition.

**Selection Criteria**

- Criteria to be considered in selecting finalists include financial need, academic excellence, exceptional character, community involvement, leadership potential, and content and originality of essays. Finalists will be invited for a required interview with members of the Selection Committee on the afternoon of May \_\_, 2009.
- Scholarships are not only awarded to honor past achievements but also investments in the future. Qualities the selection committee members are looking for include intelligence, self-reliance, energy, imagination, originality and concern for the community and others.

**Application Deadline**

- The application and all related documents must be delivered to Karen Lavender, College Counselor at Telluride High School no later than 8:15 p.m., Monday April 27<sup>th</sup>. Applications received after this time and date will **not** be considered – no exceptions.

**Awards**

- Five \$4,000 scholarships will be awarded
- Awards are to be used for tuition only. \*Those students receiving a full or 100% scholarship from another provider may use the funds in a future year.
- Scholarship recipients will be announced at Telluride High School awards night.
- Recipient must provide verification of enrollment to April Montgomery at the Telluride Foundation before funds are released.
- Funds will be distributed in 2 installments, \$2,000 each semester.
- If student fails to complete the semester, scholarship funds are to be returned to the Telluride Foundation subject to the institution’s policy.

**Essay**

- Please include an essay, 500 words or less, on one of the following topics:
  - A recent experience (volunteer or otherwise) that has changed your perspective on or your attitude toward a social or political issue.
  - Any topic that reveals your best qualities.

**I wish to be considered for a Strokes of Genius and I have read and agree to the scholarship requirements.**

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Applicant Signature

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Address

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Date

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City, State, Zip

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Phone

Weighted GPA \_\_\_\_\_ ACT Composite Score \_\_\_\_\_ SAT Verbal \_\_\_\_\_ SAT Math \_\_\_\_\_

Optional – AP Scores \_\_\_\_\_ Service Learning Hours to date \_\_\_\_\_