

- PURPOSE:** The University of St. Thomas Alumni Association Award assists sophomores or juniors who possess the scholastic merit and willingness to continue their education but have encountered substantial financial difficulty completing their degree.
- AWARD:** \$5,000 annual award.
- TO WHOM:** Current sophomores or juniors who demonstrate a significant financial need
- CRITERIA:**
- 1) Financial need
 - 2) Candidates must have a minimum 2.5 G.P.A, including Fall semester of current school year.
 - 3) Candidates must be full-time UST students, taking 12 or more credit hours.
 - 4) Candidates must submit a letter of reference from a faculty member. Faculty members may give the reference letter directly to the student or submit it to the office of Alumni Relations.
 - 5) Candidates must write a one-page essay (See Essay Requirements).
 - 6) Candidates must include an *award letter* from Financial Aid, if applicable.
- TO APPLY:** Candidates must submit an Alumni Association Award application form, an award letter from Financial Aid, if applicable, and attach the letter referenced in part (5) above, to the Office of Alumni Relations by **March 9, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.**
- SELECTION:** The Nominations Committee of the Alumni Association Board of Directors will review the applications, interview the finalists and make recommendations to the full Alumni Board. The Alumni Board of Directors will then select three candidates in coordination with the University of St. Thomas Scholarship Committee. Final selections will be made in May.
- DECISION:** The Alumni Association Board of Directors will inform the successful candidates of the results and will present the award to the recipients.

ESSAY REQUIREMENTS:

- Times New Roman, 12 point, black font, single space
- Answer all question listed below.

QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED IN THE ESSAY:

(Please be specific in answering each one)

- How has the University of St. Thomas experience enhanced your life? What have you received from your University of St. Thomas education that you couldn't have received elsewhere?
- If you don't receive this scholarship, how will you finance next year?
- How do you plan to stay a part of the University of St. Thomas family after graduation?

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