



Ruth Abernathy Presidential Scholarship

Criteria & Application Procedures for Undergraduate Students

Refer to the **Frequently Asked Questions** document (available on the SHAPE America Web site at www.shapeamerica.org) for additional details.

Criteria For Application

1. Applicant must be a current member of SHAPE America. Undergraduate students may join at the time of application.
2. Applicant must be majoring in the field of health, physical education, recreation or dance.
3. Applicant must have college junior or senior class standing at a baccalaureate-granting college/university (completed a minimum of 60 semester/90 quarter units of college courses).
4. Applicant must have a minimum grade point average of 3.5 overall on a 4.0 grade point scale. GPA scores from all institutions attended in pursuit of applicant's current degree must be factored into the overall GPA.
5. Applicant must be a first time Ruth Abernathy Presidential Scholarship recipient. Previous recipients of SHAPE America's National Presidential Scholarship are ineligible.

Criteria For Selection

1. Scholastic proficiency
2. Evidence of leadership
3. School, community, professional activity/service
4. Character attributes

Application Procedures

The following materials must be submitted electronically or by mail by October 15. Incomplete applications and those not strictly adhering to the directions for submission will not be considered.

Instructions for Electronic Submission:

1. Complete the scholarship application (*vitae will not be accepted*) and email the form and all required documentation noted in Items 2 through 5 below to Patti Hartle at phartle@shapeamerica.org. Items 2 through 5 must be provided in a Microsoft Word or PDF format and follow the naming convention format provided.
2. Provide a letter from your school's dean or registrar indicating full-time status.
(Naming Convention Example: **YourName_FT Verification**)
3. Provide three letters of recommendation *signed and titled* which address all aspects of the selection criteria. *No more than three letters will be accepted per applicant. Letters are limited to two pages each.*
(Naming Convention Example: **YourName_Recommendation1, YourName_Recommendation2, YourName_Recommendation3**)



4. Provide a scanned copy of official transcripts from all colleges or universities attended in pursuit of current degree.
(Naming Convention Example: YourName_Official Transcript_Penn State)
5. Provide a biographical sketch to be used for publication and for the official convention award presentation. **(Naming Convention Example: YourName_Bio Sketch)** (Guidelines for preparing the sketch are provided on Page 5.)

Instructions for Submission by Mail:

All materials noted above must be completed and provided simultaneously to SHAPE America Headquarters at the following address. *Fax copies will not be accepted.*

CEO Office, SHAPE America, 1900 Association Drive, Reston, VA 20191

(Questions should be directed to Patti Hartle at phartle@shapeamerica.org)