

# 2006 GLOBAL AUTOMOTIVE AFTERMARKET SYMPOSIUM

## SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION & APPLICATION



Dear Student:

Thank you for your interest in the Global Automotive Aftermarket Symposium (GAAS) Scholarship program. We designed this program to help students, like you, launch your career in the exciting and rewarding automotive aftermarket industry.

The program is funded from the net proceeds of the Global Automotive Aftermarket Symposium. Scholarships of \$1,000 are awarded to high school graduates who are enrolling in a college/university or vocational-technical school. As a bonus, a matching grant is available to scholarship recipients who become technicians in the automotive aftermarket. You may claim your matching grant up to one year after graduation. Please submit proof of at least six months employment as a technician in the automotive aftermarket.

While all students are encouraged to apply, priority in awarding scholarships will be given to those who pursue a career in the automotive aftermarket. More information on the program, along with an application, can be found at: [www.automotivescholarships.com](http://www.automotivescholarships.com). No previous recipients are eligible for further scholarships.

All applications must be postmarked by **Friday, March 31, 2006 (no exceptions)**. Please note that **incomplete applications will be returned unprocessed**. In addition to a completed application, the following items are needed to complete the process:

- Official school transcripts with a raised seal (high school and post-high school—if applicable).
- A letter of recommendation from a non-family member (preferably from an employer, teacher, or someone other than a family friend.)
- A 250-word essay.

Please submit all of the above information in full, at the same time. For more information, phone MEMA at 919-549-4800, or e-mail: [jdowd@mema.org](mailto:jdowd@mema.org).

Sincerely,

Pete Kornafel, MAAP

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pete Kornafel".

Chairman, Global Automotive  
Aftermarket Symposium Scholarship Committee

P.S. Please note that students selected to receive a scholarship will be notified by mail at the end of June 2006. A list of recipients will also be posted at [www.automotivescholarships.com](http://www.automotivescholarships.com).

The following associations are proud sponsors of the Global Automotive Aftermarket Symposium Scholarship Program:



*Investing In Your Industry's Future*

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### POLICIES

1. Qualified applicants must either be a graduating high school senior or have graduated from high school **within the past two years (2004 or after)**. Exceptions will be made for military or religious obligations.
2. To receive a scholarship, applicants must be enrolled in a **college-level program** or a **NATEF (National Automotive Technician Education Foundation)** accredited automotive technical program. To verify if your school is NATEF approved, visit [www.natef.org](http://www.natef.org).
3. Priority will be given to those pursuing a career in the automotive aftermarket.
4. Participants must be attending a **full-time** program in the United States or Canada. Graduate programs and undergraduate part-time programs do **not** qualify.
5. Employees of Global Automotive Aftermarket Symposium sponsoring associations and their family members are **not** eligible.
6. Previous GAAS scholarship recipients are **not** eligible.

### SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. Include this application, completely filled out and signed.
2. Include an essay. Please see the suggestions on the last page of this application, and address why you believe you deserve to be chosen to receive this scholarship. Your essay should be at least 250 words, but no longer than one page, double-spaced.
3. If you are just graduating from high school, please submit your official high school transcript with a raised seal. Transcripts **without** an official raised school seal will not be accepted.
4. If you are already enrolled in a post secondary school, please submit both your official high school transcript and an official transcript from your post secondary school, both with raised seals. Transcripts **without** an official raised school seal will not be accepted. We would prefer a transcript with a current GPA average and class ranking.
5. Letter of recommendation (from a non-family member, preferably from an employer, teacher, or someone other than a family friend). Best recommendations come from those associated with the automotive aftermarket.
6. All incomplete applications that have not followed the above submission requirements will be returned unprocessed.

### SUBMISSION DUE DATE

- All of the above items must be postmarked by March 31, 2006.
- If hand writing your application, please print legibly.
- In fairness to all applicants, there can be **no** exceptions for late or incomplete applications.
- Please mail all items (in full) to:  
GAAS SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE  
C/O MEMA  
P.O. BOX 13966  
RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK, NC 27709-3966

**NOTE:** Canadian applicants, please review application procedures at the following website: [www.aiacanada.com](http://www.aiacanada.com), or call AIA Canada at (613)728-5821.

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## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



### APPLICANT INFORMATION (REQUIRED):

First name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle initial \_\_\_\_\_ Last name \_\_\_\_\_

Current address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security number \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

### SPONSOR INFORMATION (OPTIONAL):

Full name \_\_\_\_\_ Company \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ City, State \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor is a member of (check all that apply):  AAIA  AASA  AIA Canada  APRA  ASA  ASAAA  AWDA  
 MAP  MEMA  SEMA  TIA  None of the above

### HIGH SCHOOL STATUS:

I am currently a high school senior and will graduate during 2006 in (month): \_\_\_\_\_

I graduated from high school within the last two years (date of graduation): \_\_\_\_\_

(If you do not fit either of these categories, you do **not** qualify for this scholarship except for religious or military obligations.)

### TELL US ABOUT THE PROGRAM YOU ARE ENTERING:

I am or will be enrolled as a full-time student in a four-year college or university.

I am or will be enrolled as a full-time student in a NATEF-approved vocational-technical school.

I will be enrolled in another type of school. *Please specify the school, and the program length:* \_\_\_\_\_

What vocational school, college or university are you planning to attend? Include name and address (if known)

\_\_\_\_\_

### ACTIVITIES AND GOALS:

List any honors and extracurricular activities, including offices held:

List any work or volunteer experience:

**ESSAY:**

Please compose and attach an essay of **at least 250 words or one-page typed**. Please answer the following questions:

- What are your career goals?
- How will this scholarship help you?
- Why are you considering the automotive aftermarket for your career?

**READ BEFORE YOU SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION:**

I understand and agree that if selected as a scholarship recipient, I will:

1. Remain enrolled full-time for the full academic year of my award,
2. Provide a copy of my transcript after each semester, and
3. Provide my photo.

I grant permission for the Global Automotive Aftermarket Symposium Scholarship Committee and sponsoring associations (AAIA, AASA, AIA Canada, ASA, ASAAA, APRA, AWDA, MAP, MEMA, SEMA, TIA and the University of the Aftermarket) to use the information contained in this application in newsletters, press releases, etc.

**Please indicate the name of your local area newspaper so that we can send a press release should you be awarded a scholarship:** \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the above information as well as any additional information submitted to the Global Automotive Aftermarket Scholarship Committee in consideration of this application and award is true and complete. I realize that if any of the information submitted to the Global Automotive Aftermarket Scholarship Committee, whether electronically or by any other means, is found to be false, or if I fail to meet the requirements, I forfeit all monies and claims for scholarship consideration. I understand that my completed application will not be returned to me. I understand that employees and families of Global Automotive Aftermarket Symposium sponsoring associations are not eligible.

Signature of applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please send all items to: GAAS SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE  
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RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK, NC 27709-3966

Recipients will be notified by mail in June 2006, and a list of recipients will be posted at [www.automotivescholarships.com](http://www.automotivescholarships.com).

**ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS**

Please note that additional scholarships may be available. Visit the websites of the sponsoring associations ([www.automotivescholarships.com/links](http://www.automotivescholarships.com/links)) for further information.