

Application for 2021 AAFSW “Twice Exceptional” Merit Scholarship

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Submission Deadline: April 15, 2021

Submit by mail to: AAFSW, 4001 North Ninth Street, Suite 214, Arlington, VA, 22203, or as email attachments to office@aafsw.org. Phone: (703) 820-5420.

Eligibility: All high school seniors with an IEP or equivalent, **or** gap year students entering college in Fall 2020 with an IEP or equivalent, **or** college freshmen or sophomores with an IEP or equivalent from their junior or senior year of high school, whose families are part of the foreign affairs agency community. An immediate family member must be a current member of AAFSW at the time of application. To join AAFSW, visit www.aafsw.org.

Please note: The winners of the AAFSW “Twice-Exceptional” Merit Scholarship may request anonymity if they wish.

Requirements for submission:

- 1) Completed application form (below).
- 2) Original essay, 500 words or less (see instructions below).
- 3) High school transcripts. Official transcripts must be sent from the school(s), postmarked by **April 15, 2021**,

OR

If currently a freshman or sophomore in college, latest college transcript.

- 4) Letter of Documentation of learning challenge(s) which could include a psycho educational or neuropsychological evaluation, copy of an IEP or school learning/accommodation profile, or a letter from a school learning specialist.
- 5) Two letters of recommendation from individuals with knowledge of your abilities in two of these areas: volunteering, paid employment, sports, arts, music, etc. (These letters may be e-mailed.)
- 6) Recent PSAT, SAT, WISC, or other Standardized Test results (if applicable).

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If you have any questions, please contact office@aafsw.org.

Application Form for 2021 AAFSW “Twice Exceptional” Merit Scholarship - Cover Page

Full name: _____

Choose a “screen name” that we will use to label your application, to keep the judging fair and anonymous. Choose something that reflects your personality or passions (like Jazzpiano, BrazilSoccer, Blogwriter, etc.):

Date of birth: _____ Phone number: _____

Name of AAFSW member in family: _____

Student’s e-mail address _____

Mailing address: _____

Name and address of high school(s) and years attended (9th through 12th grades):

Graduation date (if applicable): _____

College you plan to attend (if not sure, indicate your top choices), **OR** college you are currently attending:

Countries you have lived in and/or have traveled to:

Pledge (must be signed by student)

I certify that the information in this application is correct and may be verified by the scholarship judges.
I certify that the essay submitted is my own work.

Signature of student

Volunteering

Please list all volunteer activities you have participated in, and mention any significant achievements, awards or recognition. Use the back of the sheet if necessary.

Service

Hours / week or total hours

For high school/gap year students:

9th-12th grades:

For college students:

Freshman and Sophomore years:

Which of these activities has been most significant for you, and (very briefly) why?

Outside Activities

Please list all extracurricular activities such as clubs, sports, music, and art, and mention any significant achievements, awards or recognition. Use the back of the sheet if necessary.

Activity _____

Hours / week or total hours

For high school/gap year students:

9th-12th grades:

For college students:

Freshman and Sophomore years:

Which of these activities has been most significant for you, and why?

Paid Employment (including babysitting, pet care, lawn mowing, etc.)

Organization	Position/ Responsibilities	Dates (m/yy-m/yy)	Hours/week
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For high school/gap year students:

9th thru 12th grade

For college students:

Freshman and Sophomore years

Have there been any unusual circumstances that have affected your life during your high school years (such as evacuation, illness, divorce)?

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Essay Question:

Please write an essay of 500 words or less on the topic below. The essay should be typed, double-spaced, and identified with your “screen name” only. Do not write your real name on the essay paper.

Give an example of when you persevered in the face of adversity.