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**Application for AAFSW Merit Scholarship for College Students**

**Submission Deadline: April 15, 2021**

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

**Eligibility:** Open to all current (freshman, sophomore, or junior) college students enrolled in a 4-year college or university, 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](http://www.aafsw.org) .

**Requirements for submission:**

1) Completed application form (below).

2) Original essay, 500 words or less (see instructions below).

3) Please submit a transcript of college courses you have taken so far, and a list of your current courses.

4) Please include two letters of recommendation from individuals with knowledge of your abilities in two of these areas: volunteering, paid employment, sports, art, music, etc. (These letters may be

e-mailed.)

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

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**Application Form for 2021 AAFSW Merit Scholarship for College Students - Cover Page**

Full name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Choose a “screen name” that we will use to label your application that reflects your personality or passion (like Jazzpiano, BrazilSoccer, Blogwriter, etc.):

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Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name of AAFSW member in family: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Student’s e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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

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**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.

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Signature of student

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**Volunteering**

Please list all community service/volunteer activities you have participated in during college. Use the back of the sheet if necessary.

Completion of this section automatically qualifies the applicant for consideration for the Judy Felt Memorial Volunteerism Scholarship.

Service Hours / week or total hours

If you would like to report any volunteer achievements during your high school years, feel free.

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

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**Outside Activities**

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

Activity Hours / week or total hours

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

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**Paid Employment** over the past four years**:**

Organization          Position/ Responsibilities              Dates (m/yy-m/yy)      Hours/week

**Academic Information**

GPA: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

List any academic awards you have received, such as Dean’s List or Distinguished Scholar.

Please provide your college transcript(s), and list the courses in which you are currently enrolled.

Have there been any unusual circumstances that have affected your life?

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**Essay Question:**

Please write an essay of 500 words on the following topic. 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.**