

The 2013 ISTG Young Achievers Scholarship Application

This application should be filled out by the student with the help of a parent/guardian, school administrator or teacher

Important Dates

- Submission window opens: December 2nd, 2013
- Application deadline: February 21st, 2014 (5:00 PM EST)
- Award notification date: May 26th, 2014 (to the school and recipient)

Award Information¹

- \$250 check to the student recipient
- A recognition plaque bearing the name of the awardee
- A recognition plaque for the awardee's school

Eligibility

- 8th or 9th grader attending a US school
- Proof of outstanding all-around academic achievement and commitment to community service
- Official school report card or transcript should be scanned and emailed by a school administrator to istgproject@gmail.com
- A recommendation letter from a current teacher of the student applicant (letters should be on letter head and signed) that speaks to the student's academic achievements and academic perseverance; the letter could be emailed to istgproject@gmail.com
- A recommendation letter from a recognized leader in the student's community or school that speaks to the student's dedication to community service (note that this letter cannot be from a relative or family member and could be from the same individual who writes the academic achievement letter); the letter could be emailed to istgproject@gmail.com
- 500-word essay (see guidelines at the bottom of this application)²

¹The winner's check and ISTG's recognition plaques (one for the winning student and the other for the school) will be mailed directly to the school to be remitted to student.

²Submitted essays will be the property of ISTG and may be used for ISTG promotions and future publications

ACADEMIC RECOGNITION, HONORS AND AWARDS

- I. Student’s cumulative grade point average (out of a 4.0 scale) by the end of Fall 2013: _____

- II. List below any academic honors, awards, or recognition you have received

Academic Recognition	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	Academic Awards and Honors

NOTABLE COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES OR SERVICE

Give a list of all community activities or service in which you have been involved. In addition, mention any major achievements received in your community service. Also include any activities outside of school in which you participated for the improvement of your neighborhood and the community at large.

Community Activity	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	Related Accomplishments

SCHOOL AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Provide a list of all non-academic and non-community service activities in which you have engaged either during and/or after school, including clubs, teams, fine arts, sports, music groups, and the like. In addition, if applicable, include any major achievements associated with these activities.

School and Extra-Curriculum Activity	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	Achievements

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

Have you ever held a leadership position such as being a club officer, a member of the student government body or a team captain, for example? List all positions held in school and in extra-curriculum activities. Also, list if you were elected or appointed.

Leadership Position	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	Elected or appointed	Activity or Organization

ACADEMIC PERSERVERANCE

Have you experienced academic obstacles? Yes No

If yes, briefly elaborate on the type(s) of adversity you faced and how you dealt with it.

ESSAY GUIDELINES

In no more than 500 words, explain your future goals and the type of career you want to pursue. Why have you chosen this career? Use a separate sheet of paper for the essay. The essay must be typed.

Completed application materials, including all recommendation letters can be emailed as PDFs directly to istgproject@gmail.com. Note that recommendation letters sent in by email should also be as attached PDFs and from a valid email address from the recommender directly. The applicant cannot send in the letters on behalf of the recommenders.

Alternatively, the completed application including essay and sealed letters of recommendation can be mailed in one envelope or package to:

Address:

ISTG
1510 E 55th ST
PO BOX 15241
Chicago, IL 60615-5504

_____ (Student’s Printed Name)
_____ (Print student’s attending school and grade)
_____ (Student’s Signature)
_____ (Guardian or Parent’s Signature)
_____ (Print Parent or Guardian’s email)

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Date received _____
Date reviewed _____
Assigned number _____