The **VINCENT A HUGGINS FOUNDATION (VAHF)** is a domestic Non-Profit Corporation that operates in accordance with the New Jersey State Law. The purpose of the **Vincent A. Huggins Foundation** is to support programs in Arts & Culture, Education and Cancer Research. Through its Scholarship Program, VAHF seeks to make the Arts accessible to students as studies have shown that the Arts are essential. It teaches students innumerable lessons - small differences can have a big effect in encouraging creativity. The Arts also teach that there are many ways to approach problems and those problems can have more than one solution; it teaches students how to approach complex problems with creativity and innovation. Reports show that increased access and involvement in arts education encourage students to stay in school and succeed in life and work. Yet not every student has access to these arts in learning experiences. **The Vincent A. Huggins Foundation** hopes to make this more readily available with its support.

**Eligibility**

* Candidates for a **Vincent A. Huggins Foundation Scholarship** must meet the following eligibility criteria:
* Have, minimally, an overall “C+ or B” academic average and a “C or B” average in mathematics and science courses (2.5, 3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale).
* Be a graduating high school senior who has applied to one or more accredited colleges/universities.
* Plan to major in the Arts and Business, or service industry, related or technology fields.
* Be a member of one of the underrepresented ethnic groups (African American, Asian American, Caribbean American or Hispanic American).

**Selection**

Scholarship recipients – will be determined each spring by the organization’s scholarship committee. Scholars may also have the opportunity to work with a Mentor compatible to their future goals. Recipients will receive notification of their selection and will be recognized at the **Vincent A. Huggins Foundation Annual Luncheon**.

**Awards**

The scholarship is **a one-time award** presented to the winning recipient (s). **Distribution will be made at the discretion of the foundation upon proof of enrollment at an accredited college or university. (Bursar’s Office)**

**The Application Package**

Consideration will be given only to candidates(s) submitting **complete** application packageswhich include: (**1**) a completed Foundation application form (copies are acceptable); (**2**) a high school transcript; (**3**) official proof of ACT or SAT scores; (**4**) two letters of reference; (**5**) a completed checklist. **Please redact Social Security Numbers from any documents.**

*Complete application packages* ***MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN DATE: 2/20/2020*** *and sent to the* ***Vincent A. Huggins Foundation*** *at the address below or to the email listed.*

***Mail Application to:******The Vincent A. Huggins Foundation***

*Attn: Scholarship Committee*

*25 Meadowbrook Road*

*Maplewood, NJ 07040*

***If submit your complete application package by email; please scan it to Adobe PDF and send it (by the due date) to the following email address:*** [***allisonskeete@gmail.com***](mailto:allisonskeete@gmail.com)

***NOTE: Files larger than 2.5 MB may need to be zipped or reduced to ensure delivery.***