

**Miami High School Alumni Association
2025 Scholarship Application**

ELIGIBILITY:

- Senior at MHS
- Minimum un-weighted GPA of 2.5, based on a 4.0 scale
- Current or anticipated enrollment in an accredited college, university or technical/vocational school in 2025

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

Application is to be typed. Any application that is not complete and does not follow ALL instructions will not be considered. Any late entries will be disqualified. We recommend you apply EARLY, as even a few minutes late will be grounds for disqualification.

- **Complete personal information below.** (Use additional sheet if necessary)
- **Choose one topic from the three below and write an essay** (500-600 words)
 1. **How Do You Define Success?** Explain what success means to you and how your definition has evolved over time.
 2. **What Inspires You?** Share a story about a person, event, or idea that motivates you and why it holds meaning for you.
 3. **A Time You Stepped Out of Your Comfort Zone:** Reflect on an experience where you took a risk or tried something new, and what you learned from it.
- **Letter of recommendation** from an MHS teacher, counselor, or staff member (see Mrs. Puentes)
- **Parent's Media Release Form** (Form must have original signature of parent)
- **Submit these four items:**
 1. Application (Personal Information)
 2. Essay
 3. Letter of recommendation (see Mrs. Puentes)
 4. Parent's Media Release Form
- **Email to:** contact@MiamiHighSchoolAlumniAssociation.com; vpuentes@dadeschools.net AND emjcfernandez@gmail.com
- **Applications must be received by 8PM on Monday, March 3rd, 2025, NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- **There will be a mandatory personal interview with the Scholarship Selection Committee. The interviews will be held in person at Miami High, on Saturday April 12th, 2025, at 9:00 AM.**
- Semi-finalists will be invited for a final interview on **Saturday, April 26th, 2025, at 10:00 AM** at the Miami High Theater. Scholarship recipients will be announced after the final interview.
- **By submitting this scholarship application, I acknowledge that if I am awarded a scholarship, I will have until December 31, 2026, to claim the scholarship. Otherwise, any awarded scholarship is forfeited. Furthermore, said scholarship funds will be forwarded by the MHS Alumni Association directly to the educational, vocational, or technical institution of my choice and will not be disbursed directly to the scholarship recipient.**
- **By submitting this scholarship application, I CERTIFY that the content provided in my essay was created entirely by me, using no assistance from artificial intelligence tools, including but not limited to AI language models, or other automated systems. I UNDERSTAND THAT ANY USE OF AI WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION.**

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____

I.D. Number: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Un-weighted GPA: _____ Weighted GPA: _____

School Activities/Leadership Positions:

Community Service and Hours:

Schools applied/Schools accepted:

Parent's Media Release

Dear Parents:

Please be advised that during the year your child may be photographed, videotaped, or interviewed at various school sponsored events. With our consent, the photograph, video, or interview may be reproduced and released for use in the media, i.e., newspapers, brochures, videos, television, the internet, and Miami-Dade County Public Schools websites and social media platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, etc.

Please indicate your preference below.

Student Name: _____

Student ID: _____

Please circle Yes or No

Yes My child's photograph/video/interview may be produced and released for use in the media.

No My child's photograph/video/interview may NOT be produced and released for use in the media.

Parent Name (Printed): _____

Parent email: _____

Parent tel #: _____

Parent Signature: X _____