

# Rock Your Future

## Young Leaders Scholarship

Vince Young  
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## Scholarship Information & Eligibility Requirements

Please read all of the following information completely before contacting the Vince Young Foundation with questions. You should be able to find all of your answers in this document.

## Vince Young Foundation Scholarship Winners

In 2011, through the Vince Young Foundation scholarship program ([www.vyfoundation.org](http://www.vyfoundation.org)) we plan to IMPACT the lives of at least 10 graduating seniors in the Houston Metro and Surrounding Area. The selection committee is focused on identifying students who have demonstrated outstanding leadership skills who want to make a positive IMPACT to society and has a vision to succeed regardless of any obstacles that life has put in their way. We are especially interested in recognizing students who serve in their communities and whose goals and desires for education align with their passions.

## Scholarship Information

The funds provided by the Vince Young Foundation may **be used to pay for tuition and fees at the educational institution you choose**. The scholarship check will be made out directly to the institution with instructions to apply the funds to the student's current account.

The approximate value of each award for 2011 will be \$5,000 (amount is subject to change). **Awards will include:** Min. \$1000 per semester (Freshman Year- 2 Semesters), Dorm Room Makeover, Book Stipend, and Full Tuition to Teen Success Summer Leadership Camp. Recipients will also serve as the Foundations' "Leadership Ambassadors" during the awarded year.

## Eligibility Criteria

1. Scholarship applicants must be accepted into a program of study at an educational institution, as evidenced by a proof of acceptance.
2. Applicants must be receiving a high school diploma and graduating from a Houston Metro/ Surrounding Area school.
3. Applicants will be considered without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, and/or physical impairment.
4. Applicants must complete the application form and essay requirement and must mail all required materials to the address provided. All materials being submitted for an applicant (application, recommendation letters, current transcript, and essay) must be in **one** package. All material related to an applicant must note the applicant's name and email address. The application package must be postmarked no later than **Monday, May 2, 2011**. No exceptions will be made.

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## Selection Criteria

The primary selection criteria the committee will consider are:

- Personal Vision (alignment of goals with life journey)
- Leadership and Service to Community
- Essay Content
- Honors and Awards
- Future Plans, i.e., how the applicant plans to apply his/her education
- Financial Need

The Vince Young Foundation will award scholarship recipients who will use this opportunity and the education they receive to be a successful leader and IMPACT their community.

## Application Requirements

Please comply with all of the following application requirements:

- Answer all questions on the application form; **incomplete applications will not be considered.**
- Essays should be a maximum of two pages, one-sided, double-spaced, preferably 12 point Times New Roman font.
- Applications must be sent via U.S. mail and must be postmarked by **May 2, 2011.**

**NOTE:** Please plan ahead; do not wait until the last minute to send in your application. We are unable to accept faxes or mail that requires a signature for receipt of delivery.

Do not send binders, DVDs, videos, resumes, or any other extraneous materials that are not specifically requested by the Vince Young Foundation scholarship committee.

## Recommendations

- Two letters of recommendation are required- one of these should be from someone who knows the applicant in an academic, organizational or volunteer-related relationship. The second recommendation may be personal or professional. **Recommendation letters from relatives will not be accepted.**
- The applicant's full name and email address should be on each recommendation letter.
- Recommendation letters should address the following points:
  - ✓ his/her observation of your level of commitment to pursuing future plans, and your ability to stick with a program once you've made a commitment
  - ✓ information about your character that the person would consider important when describing you to a stranger
  - ✓ why he/she is recommending you as a scholarship recipient

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### Additional Information

- Applicants are responsible for gathering and submitting all necessary information. **Incomplete applications will not be considered.** Once an application has been submitted, no changes will be allowed to the application.
- Vince Young Foundation requires an email address for each applicant. If you do not have your own email address, please provide one belonging to a relative or friend who would be willing to accept and send messages for you. Any additional communication that may be necessary regarding the application process will be handled via email.
- Provided that a valid email address is included, each applicant will be notified of the status of his/her application approximately May 10, 2011. Please do not call or email the committee to ask if your application has been received. If you do not receive an email within seven days after sending in your application you should presume that it was not received.
- After the selection process is completed and award recipients have been notified the selection committee will send an email to the remaining applicants informing them of their status. Please do not contact the committee to inquire about your status; we will contact you. All applicants will be notified of their status no later than May 17, 2011.
- All materials submitted become the property of the Vince Young Foundation and will not be returned to the applicant.
- Upon completion of the application cycle—after the scholarships are awarded—all materials will be shredded and disposed of in order to ensure your privacy and the security of your personal information.

We have made every effort to include all the necessary information on the website and in the eligibility criteria. After reading the information thoroughly, if you still have questions please send an email to us at [info@vyfoundation.org](mailto:info@vyfoundation.org) and you can expect a response within 3 working days.

**Remember – plan ahead!** We will not extend the scholarship deadline to accommodate last-minute applications that do not arrive on time, regardless of the reason.

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## Award Recipients

- Scholarship recipients must submit a photograph—hard copy or digital (preferred) - to the committee after receiving confirmation of the award. This photograph will be used for publicity purposes, and may be included on the Vince Young Foundation website and in other promotional materials. Hardcopy pictures will not be returned so please do not send your only copy.
- Acceptance of a scholarship award constitutes permission for the Vince Young Foundation to use the recipient's name, biographical information, and photo for publicity purposes.
- The 2011 Vince Young Foundation scholarships will be presented and winners recognized at the *Rock Your Future Scholarship Gala* on Saturday May 21, 2011 in the metropolitan Houston, TX area.
- **Each scholarship recipient must attend the: Recipient Welcome Meeting, Rock Your Future-Scholarship Gala, and the Teen Success Summer Leadership Boot Camp in order to qualify for their scholarship.** Travel arrangements for camp will be made by the Vince Young Foundation and expenses associated with travel and lodging will be included.
- Additional information will be provided in the **Young Scholars Awards Package**.

### Mail applications to:

Vince Young Foundation  
Young Leaders Scholarship Dept.  
2626 S. Loop W, Suite 150  
Houston, TX 77054

Toll-Free Phone: 1-888- 669-8910 (VY10)