



Ruth Abernathy Presidential Scholarship

Criteria & Application Procedures for Undergraduate Students

Criteria For Application

1. Applicant must be a current member of SHAPE America. Undergraduate students may join at the time of application.
2. Applicant must be majoring in the field of health, physical education, recreation or dance.
3. Applicant must have college junior or senior class standing at a baccalaureate-granting college/university (completed a minimum of 60 semester/90 quarter units of college courses).
4. Applicant must have a minimum grade point average of 3.5 overall on a 4.0 grade point scale. GPA scores from all institutions attended in pursuit of applicant's current degree must be factored into the overall GPA.
5. Applicant must be a first time Ruth Abernathy Presidential Scholarship recipient. Previous recipients of SHAPE America's National Presidential Scholarship are ineligible.

Criteria For Selection

1. Scholastic proficiency
2. Evidence of leadership
3. School, community, professional activity/service
4. Character attributes

Application Procedures

The following materials must be submitted electronically or by mail by October 15. Incomplete applications and those not strictly adhering to the directions for submission will not be considered.

Instructions for Electronic Submission:

1. Complete the scholarship application (vitae will not be accepted) and email the form and all required documentation noted in Items 2 through 5 below to awards@shapeamerica.org with the subject line "Abernathy Undergraduate Scholarship." Items 2 through 5 must be provided in a Microsoft Word or PDF format.
2. Provide a letter from your school's dean or registrar indicating full-time status.
3. Provide two letters of recommendation signed and titled which address all aspects of the selection criteria. Letters are limited to two pages each.
4. Provide a scanned copy of official transcripts from all colleges or universities attended in pursuit of current degree.
5. Provide a biographical sketch to be used for publication and for the official convention award presentation.

(Questions should be directed to awards@shapeamerica.org)