**PURPOSE**

The Shirley G. Schmitz Foundation, Inc., a 501(c) 3 non-profit corporation, exits to help support students who have a desire to eventually form a business to further their life’s passion. Acceptable programs must include formal college courses offered by accredited universities and community colleges in Arizona.

**SELECTION CRITERIA**

Here is a partial list of the characteristics of an ideal Schmitz scholarship candidate:

* Demonstrates ethical behavior
* Shows initiative and accomplishments
* Urgency to improve personal performance
* Aspirations to start at some point a business
* High energy level and competitive spirit
* Demonstrates integrity, honesty and respect for others

**ELIGIBILITY**

Any **United States citizen** attending university or college in Arizona full time who demonstrates ability and motivation with entrepreneurial goals as a part of their future is eligible to apply.

**REAPLLICANTS**

Recipients of this scholarship my re-apply for continued support if they have fulfilled their duties and obligations under the terms of the prior scholarship award which include:

* Completion of a full year with successful academic progress toward achieving their stated business vision for the future.
* Submission of timely written reports twice per year at the end of each semester. (Three times if attending an institution on the quarterly system.)
* Participation in the additional opportunities provide by the foundation.
* Continued enrollment in an Arizona college or university for the coming year.

**AWARDS AND BENEFITS**

Each year the Foundation Board determines the number of scholarships to be awarded and amount of the scholarship. The awards are paid directly to the recipient and can only be used to support their education, i.e. tuition and books. In addition to financial support, the Foundation provides Schimtz Scholars other professional development activities and events designed to help expand their entrepreneurial skills and understand small business challenges.

2015 AWARDS:First Year: $2,000 \* Second Year $2,500 \* Third Year $3,000

**APLLICATION PROCESS**

To be considered a completed application form must be received by June 15 or they will not be considered. Completed forms may be sent to:

**Shirley G. Schmitz Foundation, Inc.**

**29455 N Cave Creek Road**

**Ste 118-487**

**Cave Creek AZ 85331**

**OR**

Forms may be completed on line at: [**www.shirleygschmitz.org**](http://www.shirleygschmitz.org)

**SELECTION PROCESS**

Applications are reviewed by the Foundation Board, which selects those who should be considered for personal interview. All applicants must provide a current address, a personal email and personal phone number and respond via email to all Foundation communications.

Interviews with selected applicants are held in the Phoenix area and are in person. Candidates for interviews are informed on or before June 30th. Interviews take place in the third week of July. Applicants who cannot participate in these interviews will be disqualified from further consideration. Qualifiers are informed by email of their interview time and place. These individual interviews may last up to an hour.

**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

 New Application \_ Re-Application \_

First/Middle/Last Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Place pf Birth \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

USA Citizen? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_ No Gender? \_\_\_ Male \_\_\_Female

Phone (cell) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Personal email \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What academic year is this application being submitted for? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Where will you be enrolled during the coming school year \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What will be your field of study/major? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*When answering the following please feel free to expand**

**your responses using additional space\*\*\***

Describe your recent education. Include diplomas, honors, etc.

Describe the extracurricular activities and/or community activities you participated in this past year. Include activities which cover your entrepreneurial skills and goals.

**New Applicants only:**

Describe any recent employment and work experience.

Explain why you believe the Foundation should award you a scholarship.

Write a short story about your life and your vision for the future.

**Re-Applicants only:**

Describe the role the Foundation’s Scholarship played in your growth and development this past year.

What has been the highlight of your involvement with the Foundation?

How would continuing involvement with the foundation benefit your growth and development?

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

Income the most recent year \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Other financial support received for education and development\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Estimated cost of education you are seeking support for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**CERTIFICATION**

**With the submission of this application I hereby affirm that the information provided is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.**

**Applicant’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**