

K.A.T.E. SCHOLARSHIP



KINDNESS | ACCEPTANCE | TEAMWORK | ENCOURAGEMENT

APPLICATION PACKET



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February 17th, 2017

Dear Cypress Bay High School Chorus Senior,

On behalf of the HDS Foundation, we are pleased to inform you that you are eligible to apply for the "K.A.T.E. Scholarship". The K.A.T.E. Scholarship was created in recognition of former Cypress Bay High School Chorus Student Kate Gilson-Miranda, whose daily life in high school was positively influenced by her participation in Chorus. This scholarship embodies the fundamentals of Kindness, Acceptance, Teamwork and Encouragement, all values which can transform difficult situations into life changing wonderful experiences.

The K.A.T.E. Scholarship is awarded to the one student who has the highest accumulative score, based on the criteria set forth by the HDS Foundation. If there should be a tie, the award will be split between the two top applicants in the amount of \$1000 each. The K.A.T.E. Scholarship is a private award, payable to the student's account at the university/college they will be attending, and paid in one lump sum.

Your Chorus instructors will provide you with additional information about this scholarship, which is exclusively available to CBHS Chorus Seniors, and has specific eligibility criteria. The scholarship application process is simple, but must be supported by the document requirements. If you have applied to a college or university, but have not yet received an acceptance letter, you can still apply, conditional to final university or college selection.

We strongly recommend that you include your parent(s) in the process, as their signature is required on the application. Applications and required material must be submitted by the deadline of April 15, 2017. Applications received with a postmarked date of April 16, 2017 or later will NOT be eligible.

The KATE Scholarship application packet is available to download at <http://www.hdsfoundation.org/KATE-Scholarship/> , and must be submitted to:

The HDS Foundation, Inc.
3050 Universal Boulevard
Suite 190
Weston FL 33331
Attn: Scholarship Committee

Best of luck to all of the applicants.

The Board of The HDS Foundation, Inc.



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Eligibility Requirements to Apply

1. Current Chorus Student at Cypress Bay High School (CBHS), in good standing
2. Senior applicants only
3. Resides in Weston, FL
4. Permanent Resident of the U.S.
5. Minimum of 3 Years of High School Chorus

Selection Criteria [points will be awarded for each item, as part of the overall score]

1. GPA of 2.5 or better (Unweighted)
2. Fundraising Efforts for the Cypress Bay Chorus (certified by Chorus Instructors)
3. Volunteer at CBHS Chorus Events (Certified by Chorus Instructors)
4. Accepted to an accredited college or university (Acceptance Letter must be submitted)
5. Must have 150 or more hours of community service (Award committee will have discretion over *type* of volunteer hours, in order to be aligned with the mission of the HDS Foundation)
6. Essay (500 word max) Personal Statement
7. Two (2) letters of recommendation from an Academic Teacher, Advisor and/or Administrator (**Prompt: Tell us how your nominee has made a difference in the lives of others through his/her acts of community and leadership**)
8. Member in any service club or community organization, whose primary mission is to support an autism-based program

Extra Points

9. Created, co-created, or been fundamental to the creation of any activity that focuses on, or impacts the autism community
10. Officer of CBHS Chorus
11. 4th or 5th year Chorus student

Award

One (1) \$2000 Scholarship OR two (2) \$1,000 awards each for a tie

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Checklist for Submission

In order for this application packet to be reviewed, the following items must be completed and attached, and mailed in a sealed manila envelope to:

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Attn: Scholarship Department

Applications received postmarked after April 15th, 2017, or incomplete applications will be disqualified.

1. Complete K.A.T.E. Scholarship Application, signed by student, and both parents, where applicable.
2. All supporting documentation for each of the K.A.T.E. Scholarship criteria. Where transcripts or other school-documents are used, only one copy is necessary.
3. Personal Statement
4. Two letters of Recommendation
5. THIS Checklist

Please check and submit in order the following:

6. ___ Current Chorus Student at CBHS, in good standing [copy of unofficial transcript]
7. ___ Senior applicants only
8. ___ Resides in Weston, FL [Copy of Driver's License, or Florida ID]
9. ___ Permanent Resident of the U.S. [Copy of Birth Certificate, Green Card, Passport]
10. ___ Minimum of 3 Years of High School Chorus [copy of unofficial transcript]
11. ___ GPA verification [copy of unofficial transcript]
12. ___ Evidence of Fundraising Efforts for the Cypress Bay Chorus (Can be certified by Chorus Instructors)
13. ___ Evidence of Volunteer hours at CBHS Chorus Events (Can be certified by Chorus Instructors)
14. ___ Acceptance to an accredited college or university, tentative or deferred, or application to [provide copy of Acceptance Letter, or tentative supporting documents]
15. ___ Evidence of community service hours [detail of activities, organization for whom you performed service and contact information of said organization]
16. ___ Evidence of membership in any service club or community organization, whose primary mission is to support an autism-based population.

Extra Points (where applicable)

17. ___ Evidence of an activity created, co-created, or been fundamental to the creation of any activity that focuses on, or impacts an autism-based population.
18. ___ Officer of CBHS Chorus (Can be certified by Chorus Instructors, or website)
19. ___ 4th Year Chorus Students [copy of unofficial transcript]

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Student Name: _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Address: _____

City State Zip

Applicant's Email Address: _____

Mother's Name: _____

Father's Name: _____

Parent Email Address: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ Cell Phone: (____) _____

University or College you plan to attend _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Degree you plan to pursue: _____

Tell us a little about yourself... (you can attach a typed document to address these questions if desired)

Describe how Chorus has impacted your life:

Describe your participation in extracurricular activities. What have you learned from your experience(s)?
(Examples may include: community service, volunteer work, church, etc.)

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How have your community service experiences helped you appreciate the differences in others?

Describe a moment or experience in Chorus that you will always remember:

List any additional clubs and activities that you want us to know about:

I hereby certify that the information on this application is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that failure to give complete and accurate information in this application could result in revocation of this application. I hereby grant permission to the HDS Foundation, if necessary, to contact any necessary entity to verify the information submitted. In the event I am selected to receive this scholarship, I hereby grant permission, or if I am a minor my parent(s) hereby gives permission, to The HDS Foundation to use my name, likeness, and photograph in promotional materials related to the HDS Foundation and this scholarship.

Signature of Applicant/Parent(s)

_____ Date _____

Student Name

_____ Date _____

Student Signature

_____ Date _____

Parent (s) Name(s)

_____ Date _____

Parent (s) Signature (s)