**First Ascent Scholars**

*A Jeff and Helen Cardon and David Eccles School of Business Partnership*

The mission of the *First Ascent Scholars Program* is to encourage and enable financially in need high-school students to (a) go to college, (b) connect to the University of Utah community, and (c) reach their academic potential.

The *First Ascent Scholarship* will provide students with funds covering unmet financial need, as well as room and board (on campus residency is required for the first 2 years of enrollment), in an effort to ensure students can concentrate on what matters…their education.

**Application Deadline**

Applications must be completed by **May 1, 2015**.

All applicants will be notified of their selection for an interview by no later than May 15, 2015.

Final selections will be made before June 1, 2015.

**Scholarship Guidelines**

The student must meet the following guidelines:

1. Be a current high-school senior
2. Have applied or will apply to the University of Utah (scholarships will only be awarded admission to the University of Utah)
3. Have a demonstrated interest in business
4. Have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.
5. Show demonstrated financial need to attend college.

**Application Requirements:**

Please include all of the following materials with your Scholarship application.

1. **A Completed Application Form**

Fill out the entire Application Form. You can type the information or print clearly. When you are done make sure that you sign and date the verification.

1. **Transcript**

* An official "sealed" copy of your current academic transcript. (Unofficial copies will not be accepted)

1. **Essay**

* Describe what receiving the *First Ascent Scholarship* would mean for you.

1. **Two letters of recommendation**
   * One letter must be from a member of your school’s faculty, staff or administration.
   * One letter can be from a person you know through academic, employment, or community leadership experience. Do not include relatives as references.
2. **Proof of demonstrated financial need (one of the following may be used)**
   * SAR report from FAFSA
   * Copy of parent/guardian(s) employment and salary records
   * CSS profile found at <https://student.collegeboard.org/css-financial-aid-profile>
3. **Send completed applications to:**

THE UNIVERSITY OF UTAH c/o First Ascent Scholarship

1655 EAST CAMPUS CENTER DRIVE

SPENCER FOX ECCLES BUSINESS BUILDING

SALT LAKE CITY UT 84112

**Application Form**

**PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Sex: M\_\_\_\_\_ F\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Current School: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Admitted to the University (circle one) yes no uNID:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

If not, have you applied (circle one) YES NO

Intended Major:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Who do you live with? *(Parents, Single Parent, Grandparents, Adopted and/or Foster Care)* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Have your parent(s)/guardian(s) attended college? YES NO

Number/Age of Siblings

Any siblings attend college? YES NO

If yes, did they graduate?

Language spoken in the home:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Scholars are required to adhere to standards and participate in program events.  If accepted into the Program and awarded a scholarship you must (please initial next each to indicate your understanding and agree):**

Maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA \*   initial\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Maintain full-time status (12 credit hours) per semester \*  initial\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Live on campus for the first 2 years of enrollment \*  initial\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Attend individual goal setting meetings\*  initial\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Inform program of other scholarships or funding \*  initial\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Attend Orientation \*  initial\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Participate in semester volunteer requirements in a Title I

school or other community organization\*  initial\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Participate in all monthly meetings and networking events \*  initial\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Participate in travel and learning opportunities \*  initial\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Verification:**

I affirm that the information included with my application is true and accurate in all respects and that I intend to pursue a degree in higher education. I also understand that, if I am selected, the awarding of funds is contingent upon my fulltime enrollment at the University of Utah and that the funds will be paid directly to the institution and used toward the cost of my education.

**Signature Date**

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