

COLLEGIATE PARTNERS

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Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans, Inc.

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The Horatio Alger Association's Collegiate Partners Program is a consortium of colleges and universities who formally share the Association's mission and goals to provide scholarship assistance to deserving young people who have demonstrated financial need, integrity, determination in overcoming personal adversity, and a commitment to making a contribution to society. Specifically, Collegiate Partner institutions agree to match the Horatio Alger scholarship funds awarded to individual students. When possible, consideration for awarding institutional financial aid packages also includes reducing the amount of loan indebtedness a Horatio Alger Scholar incurs.

The goals of the Collegiate Partners Program are:

To improve at-risk student retention, support successful first-year matriculation, and enhance the potential for academic and personal achievement of Horatio Alger Scholars at the university or college of their choice.

The program seeks to realize these goals by:

- Reducing out-of-pocket college costs by maximizing available grant awards
- Minimizing post-graduation debt
- Promoting Scholar matriculation to Collegiate Partner institutions
- Preparing students to develop academic and personal survival skills
- Encouraging Scholars to access campus support resources and to develop independent goals and expectations for college success

Collegiate Partners: A History of Success

Since 1994, the Horatio Alger Association has collaborated with a diverse array of colleges and universities across the United States to further the common goal of enhancing access to higher education through the provision of scholarships to deserving young people. Though hampered with modest financial means and adversities in their personal lives, Horatio Alger Scholars bring demonstrated integrity and the determination to succeed with them to Collegiate Partner institutions.

Collegiate Partners represent a cross-section of higher education institutions in the country, including public, private, secular, and religious schools. Their campus enrollments range from 1,000 to 40,000, and they are located in small towns and large metropolitan areas alike.

Colleges and universities participating in the Collegiate Partners Program agree to match the Horatio Alger scholarship funds, reducing the amount of loan indebtedness a Horatio Alger Scholar would incur otherwise. Partner institutions meet the exhibited financial need of a Horatio Alger Scholar with a combination of campus-based resources including institutional grants and/or work study. Collegiate Partners also agree not to use funds awarded by the Horatio Alger Association to reduce institutional scholarships and grants that the student would otherwise be eligible to receive.

While Scholars are not required to attend Collegiate Partner schools, the Association encourages its students to consider Partner institutions due to the increased resources available to them. Scholars that choose to apply to Partner schools must meet the school's established admissions requirements to be eligible for any additional aid through the program.

To become a Collegiate Partner, the Association requests that the institution sign *an agreement form that establishes a working relationship between the Association and the school*. The application and selection process for the Horatio Alger scholarship begins on August 1. In November, we provide partner institutions with the names and addresses of approximately 5,000 high school seniors who apply annually for the Horatio Alger Association's scholarships and who agree to share their contact information. In February, we send a list of students from among this group who are the recipients of Horatio Alger scholarships. Along with their scholarship, recipients are given a list of Collegiate Partner institutions and information about the program. The Association will continue to mediate the relationship between the school and student as needed throughout the college selection process. Either party may discontinue the agreement at any time. There are no membership fees or dues required.

Collegiate Partner Benefits

Each Collegiate Partner school enjoys the following benefits:

- Partner institutions receive access to a list of all of the Horatio Alger Scholarship recipients at the beginning of each year.
- Partner institutions are profiled and publicized in Horatio Alger publications, such as *The Forum* and *Strive and Succeed*, which are distributed to Association Members and Scholars. They are also featured on the Association's website.
- Partner institutions may have the opportunity to participate in Horatio Alger events such as the annual Horatio Alger Awards Activities, the National Scholars Conference, and various other local and regional events.

Over the course of its long history, the Association has reinforced its commitment to American youth by continually expanding its educational services. The Association's Collegiate Partner's Program is one way of ensuring that America's promise of opportunity is extended to all Americans.

Horatio Alger Scholarship Programs

Since 1984, The Horatio Alger Scholarship Programs have provided over \$87 million dollars in college scholarships to young people, helping them to achieve their dreams of higher education. The Association's scholarship programs are among the few in the nation that specifically focus on identifying young people who, like its Members, have overcome exceptional hardships. Despite facing adversities in their young lives, Horatio Alger Scholars have proven their ability to succeed.

Horatio Alger Scholars represent the cultural and ethnic diversity of our great nation -- all races, creeds and communities are reflected in their faces. In fact, one third of the scholars represent a racial and/or ethnic minority. Each year at least one Scholar is selected from every state in the Union, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia. States with larger student populations typically have more than one Scholar.

Applicants for the Horatio Alger Scholarship Programs are evaluated and selected based on the following criteria:

- Critical financial need;
- Integrity, self-reliance and perseverance in overcoming adversity;
- Academic potential and a commitment to pursuing a bachelor's degree;
- Participation in co-curricular activities;
- Commitment to the community as evidenced through volunteer service;
- Potential and aspiration to make a unique contribution to society; and
- United States citizenship.

Scholarship award amounts range from \$2,500-\$20,000 and the funds are disbursed directly to the collegiate institution over the Scholar's college career. In addition to the scholarship, students have access to other services provided by the Horatio Alger Association during their undergraduate years and beyond. The Association also assists its Scholars through financial aid counseling, internship and career placement opportunities, and graduate school grant programs.

The Horatio Alger Association

The Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans, Inc., bears the name of the renowned author Horatio Alger, Jr., whose tales of overcoming adversity through unyielding perseverance and basic moral principles captivated the public in the late nineteenth century. The Association, established in 1947, is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit educational organization founded to dispel the mounting belief among the nation's youth that the American Dream was no longer attainable.

The foundation of the Association is a membership of over six hundred and fifty Horatio Alger Award recipients who serve as role models to its Scholars as well as to all American youth. Members represent all walks of American life and have made outstanding contributions in the fields of science, medicine, business, entertainment, athletics, law and jurisprudence, religion, education and the arts. These men and women are bonded by parallel histories of triumph over early obstacles to reach a level of exemplary achievement while maintaining the highest level of integrity and ethical standards. Members also exemplify the importance of service to others by contributing millions of dollars each year to fund Association scholarships. Each year, the Association brings the "Horatio Alger heroes" of today together with those of tomorrow by hosting the Horatio Alger Award Ceremonies in conjunction with National Scholars Conference in Washington, D.C.

The Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans is dedicated to the simple but powerful belief that hard work, honesty and determination can conquer all obstacles. Today, through its Members, the Association continues to educate our nation's young people about the economic and personal opportunities afforded them by the promise of the American free enterprise system. Through its scholarship programs, it encourages students to pursue their own version of the American Dream. While providing scholarship opportunities, Association Members mentor the Scholars and underscore the importance of service to others. The Members of the Association work directly to provide promising young people with the support, education and confidence needed for the students to realize their aspirations.

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