

Tall Clubs International Kae Sumner Einfeldt Scholarship Information for Interested Applicants

Tall Clubs International (T.C.I.) is a social organization for women and men of tall stature and has more than 60 clubs throughout the United States and Canada. T.C.I. members, through their local clubs and Tall Clubs International, take pride in fostering tall awareness through community involvement in projects and activities.

As stated in the T.C.I. by laws---*The scholarship is open to all high school seniors and any applicants under the age of 21 attending their first year at a 2 or 4 year institution of higher learning. All applicants must also meet the minimum height requirements of T.C.I. of 5'10" for women and 6'2" for men. You must live within the geographic area served by a participating club that has an established scholarship program or is willing to sponsor an eligible applicant.*

The first step in the scholarship process is for applicants to determine if there is a local club in the geographic area that is sponsoring a scholarship in the current year. Many of the local clubs do sponsor a scholarship program, but it is not mandatory. Local clubs may contact school guidance offices or advertise in local newspapers. Please check with the guidance office for pertinent information.

If you need to determine if there is a local club or if you need to determine if the local club in your area is sponsoring a scholarship, please check the T.C.I. website at www.tall.org. Contact information for all local clubs is available on the website.

If there is no club in the area or the local club is not sponsoring a scholarship for the current year, students cannot submit an application directly to Tall Clubs International. **All applicants must be sponsored by a local club in their area.**

After receiving confirmation that the local club in your area is willing to sponsor a scholarship this year, you should follow their directions to receive their application packet. Please be sure to complete the application and submit it with all required paperwork to the local club by the required date.

The complete application packet must include:

Two page signed application

Official transcript from high school

Recommendation form and letter from within the school community

Recommendation form and letter from outside the school community

One page original tall essay

(Note: An applicant may include additional information about their accomplishments with the application.)

The scholarship committee will assess the applications based on several criteria. The criteria include:

Academic record and achievements

Involvement in clubs and activities in the school community

Involvement in clubs and activities outside the school community

Personal Achievements

Insight and content of essay - What Being Tall Means To Me

Recommendations -- Letters to Colleges can be accepted

Within the school community (1)

Outside the school community (1)

Applicants are responsible for submitting the completed application packet to the local scholarship committee by their specified date.

In May, the participating clubs will submit the application packet, along with a personal letter of recommendation, to Tall Clubs International for considering in the T.C.I. scholarship program. All recipients will be announced at the annual T.C.I. Convention in July and will be notified by their local clubs by July 31st.

If you have any further questions regarding the local scholarship program or T.C.I. scholarship programs, the best method of contacting T.C.I. is to send a detailed e-mail to *TCIAItExec@aol.com* with the subject *Scholarship 2003*. Please tell us your hometown and how you heard about the scholarship program.

Be specific with your questions and, if applicable, explain the steps you have taken to contact the local club in your area.

Good luck to all applicants!!!!

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