

HORATIO ALGER ASSOCIATION OF DISTINGUISHED AMERICANS, INC.

COLLEGIATE PARTNERS PROGRAM

A Partnership for Higher Education



The Horatio Alger Association's Collegiate Partners Program consists of a consortium of colleges and universities who formally share the Association's mission and goals to provide financial assistance and support 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 are committed to reducing the amount of loan indebtedness incurred by Horatio Alger Scholars.

The goals of the Collegiate Partners Program are to:

- Support successful first-year matriculation
- Improve low-income student retention
- Enhance the potential for academic and personal achievement of Horatio Alger Scholars at the college or university of their choice

The program seeks to realize these goals by:

- Minimizing post-graduation debt
- Providing a point of contact on campus to encourage Scholars to access available resources and support services
- Promoting Scholar matriculation to Collegiate Partner institutions

Collegiate Partner Overview

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 have demonstrated integrity and the determination to succeed.

Colleges and universities participating in the Collegiate Partners Program support Horatio Alger Scholars by committing to reduce loan indebtedness of Scholars. Partner institutions help to meet the financial needs of Horatio Alger Scholars with a combination of campus-based resources, including institutional aid 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. The Association strongly supports students not being over awarded in institutional aid or in the form of loans. Additionally, colleges/universities agree to provide at least one on-campus point of contact the Association can refer Horatio Alger Scholars to for questions about resources.

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 and retention requirements to be eligible for additional aid through the program.

Collegiate Partner Agreement

To become a Collegiate Partner, colleges and universities must:

1. Complete an Agreement Form that establishes a working relationship between the Association and the partner institution.
2. Agree to maximize the non-loan aid available to a Horatio Alger Scholar to minimize his/her loan indebtedness.
3. Provide the Association with at least one contact each year who can direct Scholars to available campus resources.

Collegiate Partner Benefits

Each Collegiate Partner school receives the following benefits:

- Access to contact information to promote their college/university to an estimated 5,000 Horatio Alger applicants each November.
- Promotion each year of their institution to recipients of Horatio Alger scholarships. Horatio Alger Scholars are encouraged to attend Collegiate Partner institutions subject to the admission and financial aid requirements of each institution.
- Increased enrollment and higher retention rates of low-income students who have access to additional scholarship support services.

Program Timeline

- The application and selection process for the Horatio Alger undergraduate scholarship begins on August 1.
- In November, the Association provides 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, the Association forwards the contact list of students who have been awarded Horatio Alger scholarships. Scholars receive a list of Collegiate Partner institutions and information about the program.
- The application and selection process for the Horatio Alger Career and Technical Scholarship begins in March.
- In the spring, the Association will reach out to Collegiate Partners requesting updated information for campus contacts.
- In the fall, the Association will encourage Scholars and Collegiate Partners representatives to connect to establish a working relationship as a way to increase retention.

Either party may discontinue the agreement at any time. There are no membership fees or dues required.

Horatio Alger Scholarship Programs

Since 1984, the Horatio Alger scholarship programs have provided more than \$125 million in college scholarships to young people, helping them to achieve their dreams of higher education in the United States. The Association also awards scholarships to students who plan to pursue degrees in career and technical 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, nationalities, and creeds are reflected in their faces. The Association awards almost 2,000 scholarships each year to students in every state, Puerto Rico, the District of Columbia, and Canada.

Applicants for the Horatio Alger scholarship programs are evaluated and selected based on the following criteria:

- Critical financial need (\$55,000 or lower adjusted gross family income is required)
- Involvement in co-curricular and community service activities
- Perseverance in overcoming adversity and integrity
- United States citizenship

For more specific eligibility requirements, please visit scholars.horatioalger.org.

Scholarship award amounts range from \$2,500-\$60,000 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 collegiate years and beyond.

Support services provided by the Association include:

- Financial aid counseling
- Mentoring Program
- Internship programs
- Access to online and phone support for financial, legal, and health services
- Scholar and Alumni meetings/events
- Graduate school grant opportunities
- Eligibility to apply for special assistance grants

The Horatio Alger Association

Our Mission

To induct as lifetime Members of the Association contemporary role models whose experiences exemplify that opportunities for a successful life are available to all individuals who are dedicated to the principles of integrity, hard work, perseverance and compassion for others.

To provide scholarship assistance to deserving young people who have demonstrated integrity, determination in overcoming adversity, academic potential and the personal aspiration to make a unique contribution to society.

To mentor scholarship recipients and educate all youth about the limitless possibilities that are available through the American free-enterprise system, while underscoring the importance of helping others.

About Us

The Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans, Inc., a 501(c) (3) nonprofit educational organization, was established in 1947 to dispel the mounting belief among our nation's youth that the American Dream was no longer attainable.

The Association 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 19th century. The organization's founder, Dr. Kenneth Beebe, in close association with Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, hoped to inspire individual Americans to reach their highest potential, thereby strengthening American society as a whole. They created the Association to recognize men and women of outstanding achievement as a way to remind Americans of the limitless possibilities that exist through the free-enterprise system.

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. The Association honors the achievements of outstanding leaders who have accomplished remarkable successes in spite of adversity by bestowing upon them the Horatio Alger Award and inducting them as lifetime Members. Since 1947, more than 700 distinguished individuals from all walks of life and diverse professional backgrounds have received the Horatio Alger Award and lifetime membership in the Association. There are currently more than 300 living Members, including twelve Members from Canada.

Horatio Alger Members support promising young people with the resources and confidence needed to overcome adversity and pursue their dreams through higher education. Thanks to their generosity, the Association awards more than \$11 million annually in undergraduate and graduate need-based scholarships across the United States and Canada and provides college support and mentoring services to its Scholars. Since 1984, the Association has awarded more than \$125 million in college scholarships to more than 22,000 deserving young people.

In 2009, the Association incorporated the **Horatio Alger Association of Canada** to provide an opportunity for its Canadian Members to develop scholarship programs for Canadian youth. In light of its rapidly expanding scholarship programs, the Association also established the **Horatio Alger Endowment Fund** in 2011 as a separate 501(c)(3) in order to endow all of its scholarships in perpetuity. Today, through its Members, the Association continues to educate American and Canadian young people about the economic and personal opportunities afforded them through the two nations' free-enterprise systems.

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