The Horatio Alger Association is shifting the focus of its National and State scholarship programs to award high school juniors beginning with the application process in 2021.

Why are you making this switch?
We believe that early identification and support is key to helping promising young people who have faced adversity achieve their dream of a college/university education. By selecting juniors we will be able to work with students regarding college selection, financial aid processing, and many more skills such as time management, self-efficacy in learning, and emotional health.

Is anything else changing?
The Association is still looking to award students who have demonstrated integrity, determination in overcoming adversity, academic potential, and who aspire to make a unique contribution to society.

What does this mean for me?
We ask that you begin to identify promising rising juniors who are interested in pursuing a bachelor’s degree. The application will open in December of 2021 (rather than in August as it has in past years). Selection for this scholarship program will be in the spring of their junior year.

The Association will continue to administer several college-specific scholarship programs targeted at high school seniors.

Please visit the Association’s website for information regarding program eligibility. www.horatioalger.com/scholars