College of General Studies Student Government
Success and Determination Application
In collaboration with the College of General Studies

College of General Studies Student Government, in collaboration with the College of General Studies (CGS), has established a Success and Determination scholarship, which will be awarded annually, to two students who have demonstrated, in an extraordinary way, the ability to overcome life’s obstacles in order to pursue a college degree. This scholarship is based primarily on the student’s academic performance, written statement, and interview.

The recipients each receive a $1000 one-time scholarship ($500 from the CGS Student Government and $500 from the College of General Studies.) Also, the recipients’ names are engraved on the CGS Student Government wall display in the William Pitt Union. The scholarship will be awarded for the Fall 2016 semester. The winners will be expected to attend the “excellence in CGS” reception in April 2016. The deadline for application is Monday, March 28, 2016.

Eligibility Requirements
- Candidates must be currently enrolled in the College of General Studies at the University of Pittsburgh
- Candidates must have obtained at least 30 college credits, of which at least 15 must be in the College of General Studies; and,
- Candidates must have a minimum Q.P.A. of 3.0 at the University of Pittsburgh

Decision Criteria
Students will be evaluated on the following criteria:
- Academic performance
- Compelling situations/obstacles that student has overcome in order to pursue a college degree

Application Requirements
- Application form
- University of Pittsburgh transcript (this can be unofficial transcript)
- A written statement regarding major accomplishments relating to the decision criteria above
- Interview

Name: ____________________________________________________________________________
(Last)     (First)    (Middle Initial)

Local Address: ____________________________________________________________________________
(Street)   (City)        (State)       (Zip)

Phone: (day) _____________ (evening) _____________ Email: _______________________________

Complete the above information and attach the following:
- University of Pittsburgh transcript (this can be an unofficial transcript)
- Written statement

Submit to:
Return this application with all required materials in a sealed manila envelope to the McCarl Center reception desk, addressed with your Name and Peoplesoft ID to “CGS Student Government Scholarship”. The receptionist will place the manila envelope in the CGS Student Government Mailbox. Requests to receipt confirmation can be sent to: awr15@pitt.edu

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Success and Determination Scholarship  
Written Statement

Applicant: Please use this form to compile a short written statement profiling your academic performance and explaining how you have overcome life’s obstacles in order to pursue a college degree.  

*Please attach additional sheets, if necessary*

Applicant’s Name:

E-mail:

Phone: