THE JAMES AND CHARLOTTE GIGNILLIAT SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION GUIDELINES

ELIGIBILITY:

A. Applicant must be a descendant of a Huguenot who immigrated to the United States of America from Switzerland or France prior to November 18, 1787.

B. Applicant should show qualities of ability and leadership, should be involved in extra-curricular activities and should have a good academic record.

C. Applicant must have applied to an accredited college or university in the United States for full-time undergraduate work (award is contingent upon acceptance of the student by said school).

D. Financial need of an applicant is not a factor in eligibility.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Applications are available online at www.schseducation.org. Mail completed applications to:

Gignilliat Scholarship
c/o Bailey Knight
South Carolina Historical Society
100 Meeting Street
Charleston, SC 29401

Completed applications and letters of recommendation must be postmarked by April 15 for an application to receive consideration.

AWARDS:

A. Approximately $2,500.00 is awarded annually. Depending on the number of applicants, scholarships range from $500.00 to $1250.00.

B. An award may be renewed upon new application by the student, if approved by the selection committee.

C. Successful candidates will be notified by June 30th, and payment will be forwarded to the applicant’s home address before August 15th.
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Application

This application form must be completed and accompanied by:

1. Proof, satisfactory to the Selection Committee, that the applicant is a descendant of a Huguenot ancestor who immigrated from either Switzerland or France directly or indirectly, to the United States prior to November 18, 1787.
2. A formal essay (500 words) outlining the applicant’s educational plans and career goals.
3. A complete, official transcript of the applicant’s academic record, including SAT or ACT scores.
4. A minimum of three letters of recommendation concerning the applicant’s ability to meet scholastic and community responsibilities. At least one of these three letters should be from a high school or college instructor.

Rather than resubmitting the above, a current holder of a Gignilliat Scholarship may reapply by submitting the following:

1. A formal essay (500 words) that outlines his or her academic progress and career goals.
2. An updated, official transcript of all academic records.
3. Evidence of involvement and achievement in extracurricular activities.
4. A completed application.

PART I. PERSONAL INFORMATION

1. Applicant’s name: __________________________________________

2. Present Address: __________________________________________

   __________________________________________

3. Permanent Address, if different from above: ______________________

   __________________________________________

4. Date of Birth: _________________

5. Place of Birth: _________________

6. Sex: Male□ Female□

7. Marital Status: Married□ Single□ Divorced□ Other□

8. Names of Parents: Father ______________________________________

   Mother ______________________________________

9. Name of High School: ________________________________________
10. Location of High School: __________________________________________

11. Date of Graduation from High School: ____________________________

12. If you are attending or have attended college, please provide the following:
   
   Name of college or university: ________________________________
   
   Terms completed: ________________________________________

13. List your top 3 college choices:
   
   1. ______________________________________________________________
   
   2. ______________________________________________________________
   
   3. ______________________________________________________________

14. Grade Point Average: ________________

15. Class Rank: _______________________

16. List the college/s that you have been accepted to:
   
   a. ______________________________________________________________
   
   b. ______________________________________________________________
   
   c. ______________________________________________________________

17. What date do you plan to enroll? _________________________________

18. What is your anticipated field of study? __________________________

19. List the major academic honors that you have received in High School:
   
   a. ______________________________________________________________
   
   b. ______________________________________________________________
   
   c. ______________________________________________________________

19. List any clubs/organizations that you belong to:
   
   a. ______________________________________________________________
   
   b. ______________________________________________________________
   
   c. ______________________________________________________________
   
   d. ______________________________________________________________

20. List any other awards or honors that you have received, or offices held:
   
   a. ______________________________________________________________
   
   b. ______________________________________________________________
   
   c. ______________________________________________________________
21. List any other scholarships or loans that you have applied for or received:
   a. _______________________________________________________
   b. _______________________________________________________
   c. _______________________________________________________

22. Describe your work experience, including volunteer work:
    _______________________________________________________
    _______________________________________________________
    _______________________________________________________

23. If you have made a definite career choice, please describe:
    _______________________________________________________

24. SAT / ACT scores (circle one)
   Verbal:______  Math:______  Writing ______

Please proceed to Part II on page 5
PART II. PROOF OF HUGUENOT ANCESTRY

Name: ____________________________________________

Citizenship: __________ **Name of Huguenot Ancestor: ________________

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** Ancestor must have left France or Switzerland and settled in what is now the United States of America prior to November 18, 1787.
PROOF OF DESCENT

References must be placed opposite the generation for which they are intended, volume and page included. ALL REFERENCES MUST BE SUBSTANTIATED BY COPIES. APPLICATIONS WITHOUT PROPER REFERENCES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Generation:
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12. _______________________________________________________________

Applicant specifically acknowledges that the portions of this application detailing genealogical information (pages 5 and 6) are valid and will be kept by the South Carolina Historical Society and placed in its collection.

Date: ___________ Signature of Applicant: ______________________________

In the event that I am awarded a Gignilliat Scholarship, I agree to return the full amount immediately to the South Carolina Historical Society if it is not used for the term and/or at the campus specified.

Date: ___________ Signature of Applicant: ______________________________