

# *The South Carolina Historical Society*

## 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 <https://schseducation.org/education/>. Send completed applications to:

Gignilliat Scholarship  
South Carolina Historical Society  
100 Meeting Street  
Charleston, SC 29401

***Completed applications and letters of recommendation must be postmarked by May 30, 2025 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, however renewals are not guaranteed.
- C. Successful candidates will be notified by July 25<sup>th</sup>, and payment will be forwarded to the applicant's home address.

## THE JAMES AND CHARLOTTE GIGNILLIAT SCHOLARSHIP 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.

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### PART I. PERSONAL INFORMATION

1. Applicant’s name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Applicant’s email address: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Present Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Permanent Address, if different from above: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_
7. Sex: Male  Female
8. Marital Status: Married  Single  Divorced  Other
9. Names of Parents/Guardians: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

10. Name of High School: \_\_\_\_\_
11. Location of High School: \_\_\_\_\_
12. Date of Graduation from High School: \_\_\_\_\_
13. If you are attending or have attended college, please provide the following:  
Name of college or university: \_\_\_\_\_  
Terms completed: \_\_\_\_\_
14. 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. \_\_\_\_\_

d. \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Huguenot Ancestor                      Born (date/place)    Died (date/place)                      Spouse's Name

1. Father/Mother:

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Grand:

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Gt. Grand:

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4. 2<sup>nd</sup> Gt. Grand:

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5. 3<sup>rd</sup> Gt. Grand:

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6. 4<sup>th</sup> Gt. Grand:

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7. 5<sup>th</sup> Gt. Grand:

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8. 6<sup>th</sup> Gt. Grand:

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9. 7<sup>th</sup> Gt. Grand:

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10. 8<sup>th</sup> Gt. Grand:

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11. 9<sup>th</sup> Gt. Grand:

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12. 10<sup>th</sup> Gt. Grand:

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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 ACCEPTEED.

Generation:

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. \_\_\_\_\_
- 10. \_\_\_\_\_
- 11. \_\_\_\_\_
- 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: \_\_\_\_\_