



RONALD REAGAN PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY SCHOLARS 2009 APPLICATION



Congratulations! We are delighted you have decided to apply to become a Ronald Reagan Presidential Library Scholar. By applying for this distinction, you honor both our 40th President and his lasting legacy of leadership. We look forward to receiving your application. Please return your completed application to:

Scholarship Committee
The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation
40 Presidential Drive
Simi Valley, California 93065
(805) 522-2977

Important Information Regarding Scholarship Application:

All applications must be received or postmarked by 5:00 pm Monday, March 16, 2009. You will be notified if you are a finalist by Friday, May 1, 2009. This scholarship is for seniors attending a Ventura County High School. All applications that are incomplete will be disqualified. All scholarship awards are designated for academic use only.

Last Name		First	Middle	Date of Birth
Street Address				Phone Number
City	State	Zip	College Attending in Fall (if known)	
Social Security Number	High School Currently Attending		High School Principal	
Phonetic Spelling of First and Last Name			Email Address	

Please provide us with two essays (one short and one long), three letters of recommendation and a sealed copy of your transcripts. Specific instructions for each item:

1. Short Essay Instructions:

Use between 100 and 150 words. Use 12 point font and double space type your essay.

Essay Question:

List and describe three examples of leadership roles you have filled in high school and what you have accomplished in each role. (For example: captain of a sports team, leader of a school or community based organization.)

2. Long Essay Instructions:

Use between 550 and 750 words. Use 12 point font and double space type your essay.

Essay Question:

When President Ronald Reagan took office, he was immediately faced with serious issues which demanded his attention, including the Cold War and other foreign policy situations, high inflation and unemployment, and an energy crisis. Despite the challenges confronting him, President Reagan made impressive progress toward solving the nation's problems in his first year alone, and went on to become one of the great presidents of our time.

In his victory speech on election night, Barack Obama acknowledged that as he assumes office, his will be a difficult task: "...we know the challenges that tomorrow will bring are the greatest of our lifetime - two wars, a planet in peril, the worst financial crisis in a century." These and other problems await the new president who takes the reins of a nation divided by political and philosophical differences following a contentious election.

Part 1. Analyze President Reagan's actions in his first year as president. In forming your answer, consider not only what decisions he made and which policies he enacted, but include a discussion of how he approached the issues and what means he used to gain acceptance to ensure success for his policies. (Should comprise 25% of the total essay)

Part 2. Compare and contrast the issues facing the two presidents. (Should comprise 25% of the total essay)

Part 3. Considering your answers to parts 1 and 2, what advice do you think President Reagan would give to President Obama regarding how he should approach his first year in office? (Should comprise 50% of the total essay)

3. 3 letters of recommendation: One from a teacher and two from adults who have observed you in a leadership role. Each letter of recommendation must speak to your leadership abilities.

4. A sealed copy of your high school transcripts.

Your responses must be typed. Please attach recommendations, transcripts and responses to this form.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____