



Fast Facts about the 2010 Ferguson Scholarship Applications

Applications received:	89
Number of male applicants:	22
Number of female applicants:	67
Number of high school seniors:	57
Number of current college students:	32
States from which applications received:	28 states and the District of Columbia Arizona; California (6); Colorado (2); Washington, DC; Florida (5); Georgia (4); Iowa; Illinois; Kentucky; Maryland (2); Michigan; Minnesota (6); Missouri; North Carolina (5); New Jersey (2); New Mexico (2); Nevada; New York (2); Ohio (5); Oklahoma; Oregon; Pennsylvania (4); Tennessee (5); Texas (8); Utah; Virginia (14); Wisconsin (4); West Virginia; and Wyoming (2)
Highest composite score on first round:	43 (<i>out of a possible perfect 50</i>)
Cutoff score for semi-finalists	32 (<i>out of 50</i>)
Lowest composite score on first round:	18 (<i>out of 50</i>)
Number of semi-finalists chosen:	26
Highest composite score, round two:	31 (<i>out of a possible perfect 38</i>)
Number making tie-breaking round:	20 applications
Number eliminated:	7 applications
Number in final evaluation:	13 applications
Highest composite score:	50.50 (<i>includes bonus points</i>) *
Cutoff score for tenth recipient:	42.00 #
Scores of three alternates:	41.00; 40.50; 39.00

* Bonus points were awarded to those applicants who were selected as a “top five” by judges. For each judge who named that student among his or her top five, one bonus point was awarded.

In spite of exhaustive efforts by the selection committee, six students were in a virtual tie for the last three awards. An additional judge from the College of William & Mary was brought in to evaluate and score only those six applications based strictly on merit with no regard to financial need, enabling us to finalize the last three awards. The #4, 5 and 6 (tied) applicants have been named as alternates. In the event that any of the ten winners is disqualified or is not eligible to receive their scholarship, the three alternates will be reviewed and evaluated again to select a replacement recipient

We had multiple applicants with unweighted GPA’S of 4.0, and most were at 3.75 or above. For high school students the highest combined SAT score was 2190 and some had ACT composite scores in the 30’s. Several of the high school applicants are in the top 1% of their class, or will be class Valedictorian.

Those students who scored highest generally had a wide *variety* of *current* and *recent* community and church activities, *well-rounded* participation in multiple school clubs, sports and activities, and multiple academic, citizenship, and sports awards and recognitions. They also had the highest essay scores and particularly detailed *current* letters of recommendation (as opposed to outdated or somewhat generic letters).

The judges were very tough in scoring the written essays and character paragraphs. On a scale of 1 to 10, many essays received 4’s, 5’s and 6’s. None received a perfect 10.