

The Halas-Sayers Scholarship



THE AWARD

This full-ride, need-based scholarship recognizes academic achievement and community service/leadership. The amount awarded will vary depending on other scholarships and grants you might receive. When coupled with other awards, the annual cost of attending the University of Iowa (as determined by the Office of Student Financial Aid) will be covered. You may renew the award for three years (or until you complete your bachelor's degree, whichever comes first), provided you remain in academic good standing at Iowa.

ELIGIBILITY

To be considered eligible for the Halas-Sayers Scholarship, you must have applied for admission to the university and:

- be of African American, Hispanic/Latino(a), American Indian, Alaskan native, native Hawaiian, or other Pacific Islander descent;
- graduate from either a Chicago-area public high school or a public high school in the state of Iowa;
- declare a major in: applied physics, astronomy, biochemistry, biology, chemistry, computer science, engineering (any type), environmental sciences, geoscience, mathematics, microbiology, physics, science education, speech and hearing science, or statistics;
- present an ACT composite of 25 (a combined SAT Critical Reading and Math score of 1130) or above;
- present a minimum 3.50 cumulative high school GPA on a 4.00 scale;
- demonstrate financial need by filing a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and submitting other required financial aid documents.

HOW TO APPLY

Completed scholarship application materials must be postmarked by February 8, 2013. These materials include:

- Halas-Sayers Scholarship Application;
- an official high school transcript including grades 9-11; and
- your completed FAFSA. (Note that your University of Iowa Verification Form and tax records need to be in the Office of Student Financial Aid by March 1.)

SELECTION CRITERIA & NOTIFICATION

A Scholarship Selection Committee composed of faculty and staff members will select the winner. Selection criteria include academic achievement, high school and community service/leadership, short-answer responses, and financial need. The winner will be notified April 15, 2013.

BACKGROUND

This scholarship is named for two great sports legends: George Halas and Gale Sayers, both of the Chicago Bears. Chicago-native George Halas (1895-1983), nicknamed "Papa Bear" and "Mr. Everything," founded the Chicago Bears in 1920 and was one of the founding fathers of the National Football League (NFL). A graduate of Crane Tech High School in Chicago, Halas earned a degree in civil engineering from the University of Illinois.

Some of his earliest accomplishments include: 1919 Rose Bowl MVP, NFL All-Pro Team in the 1920s, and co-creation of the revolutionary T-formation style of football play.

Halas became the first NFL coach to win his 200th and 300th games respectively, and he is the only person ever to have been a player, coach, and owner. Under Halas' leadership, the Chicago Bears won eight NFL titles and became the first team to hold daily practice sessions, to analyze film of opponents, and to broadcast games by radio. Halas also drafted the NFL's first African-American quarterback.

Halas was a charter member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame, and today the National Football Conference (NFC) championship trophy bears his name. He was featured on a 1997 U.S. postage stamp as one of the legendary coaches of football. Halas died in Chicago at age 88 in 1983.

Halas understood the vital importance of a quality education. He encouraged his players to actively plan for their future beyond football. His son, George Halas Jr., and granddaughter, Christine Halas Wood, carry on this tradition by financially supporting students who wish to plan for their futures by accessing higher education. It is in this spirit of excellence and opportunity that this full-ride scholarship has been established.

Omaha-native Gale Sayers (born 1943), a.k.a. the "Kansas Comet," was a sensation from the first time he handled a football as a youngster. After setting many Big Eight records for the University of Kansas, he became an NFL star running back, and spent his career with the Chicago Bears.

Nicknamed "Magic," Sayers was the NFL Rookie of the Year in 1965. He led the NFC in rushing twice and was voted All-Pro five times in his 12-year NFL career. He holds the NFL lifetime kickoff return record. A left knee injury sustained in the 1970 season ended a glittering career after just four-and-one-half seasons.

In 1977, Sayers was the youngest person ever to be inducted to the Pro Football Hall of Fame. In 1994, the Chicago Bears retired his number 40 jersey.

His friendship with Chicago Bears teammate Brian Piccolo, and Piccolo's struggle with cancer, spurred Sayers' best-selling autobiography *I Am Third*, which became the subject of the legendary made-for-TV movie, *Brian's Song*.

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A. BACKGROUND

Name: Last _____ First _____ Middle _____

University ID number _____ Telephone (_____) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Email address _____

Parents/guardians _____

B. ACADEMIC PROFILE

High school name _____ Telephone (_____) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Guidance counselor _____

Intended major area of study at Iowa (choose from 15 areas listed on accompanying sheet) _____

Cumulative high school GPA _____ on a _____ point scale

ACT Scores (E _____ M _____ R _____ SR _____) Composite _____; **OR** SAT Scores (CR _____ M _____) Combined _____

C. PERSONAL ESSAY

Submit a one-page essay about a person or event that has influenced you and explain why.

D. SHORT ANSWERS

Write a paragraph for each statement below. Fit both responses on one page using a legible font no smaller than 11-point.

- Describe an experience or event that made you realize you were interested in science.
- What's a piece of advice you've been given that you've used time and time again? Explain why you valued the advice.

E. SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Keep this list to one page. Be sure your name and University ID appear at the top. Provide a list of your school and community activities from grade 9 to the present. List names of organizations and activities, offices held, honors awarded, and academic years of participation.

F. VERIFICATION

The university requests this information to evaluate your application for the Halas-Sayers Scholarship Program. Responses to all items are required for your application to be considered. We cannot consider your application without your signature.

Date _____ Applicant's signature _____

G. FINANCIAL AID DOCUMENTS

File your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by February 1, 2013 at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Submit your University of Iowa Verification Form and a signed/dated photocopy of parent/student 2011 Federal Income Tax returns by March 1, 2013, to:
Office of Student Financial Aid, 208 Calvin Hall, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA 52242-1315

APPLICATION DEADLINE

This application must be postmarked by February 8, 2013.

QUESTIONS? Call 319-335-3847.

Return this form and supporting documents to: Office of Admissions, University of Iowa, 107 Calvin Hall, Iowa City, IA 52242-1396