

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
statistics	
- present an ACT composite of 25 (a combined SAT Critical Reading and Math score of 1130) or above;
- present a 3.50 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 post-marked by February 12, 2010. These materials include:

- *Halas-Sayers Scholarship Application*;
- an official high school transcript including grades 9-11. (This transcript is in addition to the one required with your application for admission.);
- 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 12.)

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 16, 2010.

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: the 1919 Rose Bowl MVP; NFL All Pro Team in the 1920s; and he co-created 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 also 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 NFC championship trophy bears his name. He was featured on a 1997 US postage stamp as one of the legendary coaches of football. Halas died in Chicago at age 88 in 1983. To this day, the jerseys of the Chicago Bears have the initials "GSH" on both outer sleeves in tribute to Halas.

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), aka 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 entire 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 #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*.

Sayers is currently the founder and chairman of the Sayers Group LLC, a computer company that provides technology solutions nationwide.



The Halas-Sayers Scholarship Application

A. BACKGROUND

Last Name _____ First _____ Initial _____
University ID Number _____ Telephone (_____) _____
Street Address _____ City/State _____ ZIP _____
E-mail Address _____
Parents/Guardians _____

B. ACADEMIC PROFILE

High School Name _____ Telephone (_____) _____
Street Address _____ City/State _____ ZIP _____
Guidance Counselor _____
Intended Major area of study at Iowa (choose from 16 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. SCHOOL & 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 (e.g., 11=junior, 12=senior).

D. SHORT ANSWERS

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

- Provide an example of how you have demonstrated leadership at school, in your community, or at home.
- Which quality about yourself would you like to see flourish during your college years?
- Describe an academic and/or financial challenge you have encountered that you feel is important for the scholarship committee to know about. How are you addressing this challenge to meet your future goals?

E. 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 _____

F. FINANCIAL AID DOCUMENTS

File your *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA) by February 12, 2010 at <www.fafsa.ed.gov>. Submit your University of Iowa *Verification Form* and a signed/dated photocopy of parent/student 2009 Federal Income Tax returns by March 12, 2010, to:

Office of Student Financial Aid | 208 Calvin Hall | The University of Iowa | Iowa City, IA 52242-1315

G. APPLICATION DEADLINE

This application and your transcript must be postmarked by February 12, 2010. Submit them to:

Halas-Sayers Scholarship | Office of Admissions | 107 Calvin Hall | The University of Iowa | Iowa City, IA 52242-1396

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