THE AVINGER SCHOLARS PROGRAM 2015

Purpose of the Scholarship

Established in honor of Robert L. Avinger, Jr., a member of the Davidson Class of 1960 and Professor of Economics from 1967-1980, this award will identify and recognize one outstanding rising sophomore, junior or senior who shows the vision, qualities, and passions of a true entrepreneur and who demonstrates an entrepreneurial spirit, giving evidence of creativity and energy that will lead to future success in either business or civic engagement.

Criteria for Selection

Recipients will give evidence of their entrepreneurial experience and success, plus their goals and strategies for future enterprises. A plan for a specific venture is a plus.

Award Value

The Avinger Scholars award is valued at \$10,000. Scholars will also benefit from an on-going relationship with Mr. Avinger and mentoring opportunities with members of the Avinger Scholarship Advisory Team.

Award Details

The Avinger Scholars award funds can be disbursed in one of several ways:

- Partially applied to the cost of attendance at Davidson.
- Upon approval of a submitted proposal and budget:
 - To cover the cost of the onetime purchase of a new computer and software appropriate to the recipient's entrepreneurial enterprise(s).
 - To fund summer internships and/or travel linked directly to the entrepreneurial aspect of the program.
 - To cover appropriate graduate school preparation costs e.g. interview travel, application fees, tuition deposit, etc.

Method of Selection

Finalists chosen on the basis of their submitted applications – to include a candidate information form, an application essay, and a letter of recommendation from a faculty, staff, or community member directly involved with the candidate's entrepreneurial background – will be interviewed by a committee including a member of the Avinger Scholars Advisory Team and Davidson faculty and/or staff members designated by the Director of Merit Programs.

AVINGER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION ESSAY 2015

Please craft a personal statement (no longer than two attached pages) describing for the selection committee the experiences, goals and talents that make you a competitive candidate for this award. The following prompts may help you frame that statement.

- What are the qualities of a great entrepreneur?
- Why do you think you have what it takes to be one?
- What experiences have helped you develop these qualities? What might the Avinger Scholarship do to help you develop them further?
- Describe any specific goal and/or venture you may have in mind.

AVINGER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM2015

NAME:	
PREFERRED NAME:	
CLASS YEAR:	
CELL NUMBER:	
EMAIL:	
MAJOR:	
ADVISOR:	
RECOMMENDER: NAME:	
TITLE:	
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Aving	er Scholarship Applicant's Agreement
Submission of this application g	wish to present myself for consideration for the Avinger Scholarship. rants permission to the Selection Committee to review my Davidson College I records and to contact any references named in this application.
Print Name:	
Signature:	
Date:	