

**Summit Salon Academy** – Gainesville is thrilled to present a scholarship to a commendable student in the name of Denise Soto who passed away January 15, 2011 of complications from breast cancer. Denise was the owner of Summit Salon Academy in Perrysburg, Ohio. Denise was an intense spiritual person and allowed her faith to provide her direction. Her desire to help others led her to assist families that had children with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, provide support and care for cancer survivors and the YWCA Battered Women’s Shelter. She brought such an incredible strength to the franchise in her knowledge and her passion for this industry. We want to reward a student who shares the same passion for the industry and aspires to be an exemplary role model in their community. Denise Soto Scholarship is awarded once a year.

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- You must be a high school graduate or have a general equivalency diploma (GED).
- Must be currently enrolled at **Summit Salon Academy – Gainesville**. You cannot be enrolled in another school offering a similar course of study at the time of awarding or distributing.
- Current student applications must maintain 90% grades and 90% attendance.
- Presented every second Tuesday of October in accordance with Breast Cancer Awareness Month.
- The admissions office will verify this information.

## SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS

- All applications will be reviewed by the advisory board; all decisions are final.
- A scholarship in the amount of **\$1,500** will be awarded, and applied towards tuition needed to complete the student’s training.
- Winners will be notified by the second Tuesday of October of each year.
- Applicant will complete two essays.
- Essay judging criteria are based on:
  - Creativity and professionalism in response
  - Dedication to the salon professional industry
  - Articulation of thought in the allotted amount of words
- Applicant must provide a letter of recommendation from someone outside of family who is qualified to offer testimony of your character.
- Full application, essays and letter of recommendation should be submitted in its entirety to the Admissions office no later than September 30th of each year.
- Applications should be submitted to Carlos Alberto Soria in the admissions office in person, or by email to [admissions@ssag.com](mailto:admissions@ssag.com).

## APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

**To apply for a \$1,500.00 Denise Soto Scholarship, please complete the following steps:**

1. Complete Application.
2. Personal essay addressing *'Personal'* and *'Professional'* goals.
3. Personal essay addressing *'How Would You Positively Impact Your Community'*.
4. Provide **(1)** typed personal character references, not provided by family.
5. Submit application and all accompanying documents to the **Summit Salon Academy – Gainesville’s** admission office.

## OFFICIAL APPLICATION

<b>First Name:</b>	
<b>Last Name:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	
<b>City:</b>	
<b>State:</b>	
<b>ZIP:</b>	
<b>Mobile Phone:</b>	
<b>Email:</b>	
<b>Marital Status:</b>	
<b>Dependents (List Names &amp; Ages)</b>	

*NOTE: Annually, one Denise Soto Scholarship is available to be awarded to one currently enrolled student at Summit Salon Academy – Gainesville.*

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

All scholarships are funded and administered by Summit Salon Academy – Gainesville, in Gainesville, FL, and are only accepted at that location. Applications will be reviewed by a committee appointed by the owners of Summit Salon Academy – Gainesville. All scholarship awards are final.

I declare that the statements made in the application and all accompanying materials are true and complete. I understand that, in the event that any information is found to be intentionally falsified by myself or other contributors, I the student/applicant will be immediately disqualified from consideration for the scholarship.

<b>Applicant Signature:</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	

All application materials can be mailed or delivered in person to:

**Summit Salon Academy – Gainesville**  
**Attn: Carlos Alberto Soria**  
**6915 NW 4th Boulevard: Suite B**  
**Gainesville, FL 32607**

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