



HOFFMAN ESTATES (IL) CHAPTER

Scholarship Application

Deadline: Postmarked by March 18, 2018

The Links, Incorporated, Hoffman Estates Chapter will award scholarships to qualified African-American high school seniors. Scholarships are available for students who will attend a two-year community college or a four-year college or university as a full-time student in the fall of 2018. All scholarships will be awarded by May 2018.

Eligibility

To be considered for this scholarship, a student must meet the following criteria:

1. Qualified African American high school senior graduating by June 2018
2. Minimum cumulative grade point average of "C"
3. Minimum ACT composite score of 18 (or SAT equivalent)
4. Student must attend a public, private or parochial school within the northwest Chicago suburban area.

Selection Criteria

Students will be selected for the scholarship based on the content submitted on the application form, the essay, and letters of recommendation from a high school teacher or counselor.

Types of Scholarships

Please select the type of scholarship for which you would like to be considered by checking one or more of the boxes below.

- I. Historically Black College or University scholarship**
Distribution of award is based upon acceptance and confirmed attendance at a Historically Black College or University as a full-time student.
- II. Arts Scholarship – includes performing and non-performing arts**
Distribution of award is based upon acceptance and confirmed attendance at any four-year college or university as a full-time student with a declared major in any area of the arts.
- III. Community College Scholarship**
Distribution of award is based upon acceptance and confirmed attendance at any two year community college as a full-time student.
- IV. Academic Achievement Scholarship**
 - A. Distribution of award is based upon acceptance and confirmed attendance at any four-year college or university as a full-time student
 - B. Distribution of this award is based on high scholastic achievement as verified by ACT or SAT score and cumulative grade point average.

Application Requirements

A complete application packet must contain **all** of the following:

1. Completed application form
2. One letter of recommendation from a teacher or counselor
3. Official high school transcript which includes credits and grades for seven semesters. The transcript must have an official seal and signature.
4. Official ACT or SAT report
5. One headshot photograph
6. A *typed and double spaced* essay of **300** words, approximately two pages. The following essay question should be answered:

How do you use social media (ie.Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, SnapChat) and why has it become such an important tool for communication?

All finalists will be notified of the date and time of their interview.

Scholarship recipients will first be announced at the United Black Scholarship Fund Award Banquet on April 28, 2018.

Finalists will be presented to the Hoffman Estates (IL) Chapter Links. The event date is yet to be determined.

Mail the completed application packet to:

Mamie M. Carter
The Links, Incorporated
Hoffman Estates Chapter
45 B Tyler Ct
Streamwood, IL 60107

**The Links, Incorporated
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2018 Scholarship Application Form**

Instructions: Please print in ink or type all information. Use additional sheets if necessary.

Name: _____

High School: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ Cell Phone: (____) _____

Student's Email Address _____

Name of Parent(s) or Guardian(s): _____

- | 1. | List top 3 college(s) to which you have applied: | Accepted (yes/no) |
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Responses listed in numbers 2, 3, and 4 must be verified by a counselor or teacher.

- | 2. | List school extra-curricular activities and length of time involved | Signature of verifier |
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3. List school offices you have held and length of time in office.

Signature of verifier

4. List individual honors received as evidence of high scholastic achievement, creative talent and/or athletic ability.

Signature of verifier

5. List church and/or community activities, any leadership responsibilities or offices held, and length of time involved.
