



The Links, Incorporated Scholarship Application

Purpose

The Links, Inc. is a national organization of African American women who have been united for community service and leadership since 1946. The Dallas Chapter of the Links, Inc. was founded in 1957. Since 1975, the Dallas Chapter of The Links, Inc. has awarded approximately **\$370,000 in scholarships to 432 graduating seniors of African-American/African descent at 83 schools** to encourage college attendance. The Links, Incorporated Scholarship is open to graduating African American/African descent seniors at all DISD schools as well as, other school districts and private schools within the City of Dallas, Texas who meet the scholarship criteria. **There will be one (1) first place Scholarship award in the amount of \$3,000.00.** Other scholarships of lesser amount may be awarded. The first place scholarship, as well as any additional scholarships (if awarded); will be sent directly to the college upon verification of enrollment. The Links, Incorporated semi-finalist scholarship Interviews will be held on April 22, 2017. The Links, Incorporated Scholarship awards will be made during a reception and ceremony at a location to be determined.

Criteria

Student Scholarship Recipients **must**:

1. Be a senior of African-American/African descent graduating at the end of the 2016-2017 school year from a high school within the City of Dallas.
2. Have applied or been accepted to a four-year college or university at the time of scholarship application.
3. Have a cumulative 2.75/4.0 or 80 or higher Grade Point Average (GPA) at the time of application.
4. Be able to demonstrate a significant amount of community service.
5. Be able to demonstrate financial need as verified with a 2016 w-2 or 2016 filed income tax return (must provide a copy of student's and parent/guardian's w-2 form)
6. Have an official grade transcript *and* an additional copy of official transcript submitted with completed application.
7. Have two letters of recommendation *and* an additional copy of both submitted with completed application.
8. Submit *completed* application form along with an additional copy and all required materials (listed above) before or by the March 20, 2017 deadline.
9. Be available for interview with Scholarship Committee if selected as a semi-finalist.
10. Be college bound, and have been enrolled in a four-year college or university at the time of the award or provide evidence of admission and intent to attend. Scholarships will not be awarded to students who do not attend a four-year college or university during the 2017-2018 academic year.

Application Deadline

The application, with required materials, must be postmarked before or by March 20, 2017. Submit application and required materials via mail to:

Dr. Janina Washington, Chair
Scholarship Committee
The Links, Incorporated, Dallas Chapter
P.O. Box 191003
Dallas, Texas 75219-1003

Semi-finalists will be selected and notified via mail for mandatory interviews conducted on April 23, 2017.



Please Complete All Pages Of The Attached Scholarship Application Form and Make A Copy.
Submit It With Required Materials And Copies, To Dr. Janina Washington before or by
Monday, March 20, 2017.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____ Gender _____

Current High School: _____

Date of Graduation _____ Current GPA _____

SAT Score _____ ACT Score _____

COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY YOU PLAN TO ATTEND IN FALL 2017:

Name _____

City _____ State _____

Accepted: _____ Yes _____ No

FAMILY STATUS:

Parents (please check) ___Living ___ Married ___Not Married Deceased: ___ Father ___ Mother

Mother/Guardian's Name _____ Occupation _____

Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Father/Guardian's Name _____ Occupation _____

Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Note: You may substitute guardian for mother or father for the person with whom you reside.

Number of children at home, including you _____ Number now in college _____

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Do you expect to work while attending college? _____ Yes _____ No

What other scholarships have you applied for? _____

Family Annual Income _____

Please attach additional sheets with your name on each if needed for the following.

List any school or community awards or honors you have received.

Award	Organization	Year

List any school-related organizations/activities in which you are or have been involved:

Organization/Activity	Position Held	Length of Time

List any volunteer or other community activity involvement outside of school during high school. Include religious activities, charitable organizations, clubs, etc.

Organization/Activity	Position Held	Length of Time

List any work experiences you've been paid to perform:

Employer	Position Held	Length of Time

Describe any personal accomplishments, experiences or aspect of your background that you believe have allowed you to grow into the person that you are today.

Briefly describe any special circumstances of which the scholarship committee should be aware, if any.

APPLICANT STATEMENT:

I declare that my responses on the application were completed accurately and honestly, to the best of my knowledge.

***Signature of Student Applicant**

Date

***NOTE: Student signature must be included to receive consideration.**

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS WITH REQUIRED MATERIALS AND ADDITIONAL COPIES OF EVERYTHING (Except W2 and tax return) MUST BE COMPLETED AND POSTMARKED BEFORE OR BY MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2017 AND SENT TO:

Dr. Janina Washington
Scholarship Committee
The Links, Incorporated, Dallas Chapter
P.O. Box 191003
Dallas, Texas 75219-1003

Important Dates to Note:

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| Saturday, April 22, 2017
9:00 am to 2:00 pm | <u>Mandatory</u> Interviews for semi-finalists |
| Wednesday, April 24, 2017 | Congratulatory letters emailed to scholarship recipients |
| Saturday, May 20, 2017
10:00 am | Scholarship Reception, finalists must attend. |

Please contact LinkJanina@gmail.com if you have any questions