

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



Linked in Friendship, Connected in Service
Bradenton/Sarasota (FL) Chapter

Exemplifying Excellence Scholarship

Recognizing Outstanding Academic Performance
and Community Contributions

by

Manatee/Sarasota County Students

of

African American Descent (Female)

The purpose of the **Bradenton/Sarasota (FL) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated Exemplifying Excellence Scholarship program** is to provide scholarship monies for **full-time** female students of African American descent pursuing undergraduate degrees at an accredited College or University. Each applicant will be mentored by one or more members of the Bradenton/Sarasota (FL) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated via Zoom. Each applicant will be evaluated based on the application information provided below. Awardees will be required to submit a final high school transcript and college course registration receipt/printout.

Scholarship Criteria:

1. Applicant must be a female student of African American descent graduating senior planning to attend an accredited Post-Secondary College or University for the 2023-2024 school year.
2. Applicant must have a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale or a 4.0 cumulative GPA on a 5.0 scale.
3. Must have demonstrated leadership abilities through participation in community service, extracurricular, or other activities.
4. Applicant must reside in Manatee or Sarasota counties.
5. Applicant must be a United States citizen.

Transcript: An official transcript must accompany the application.

References: Two letters of reference are required. One must come from a teacher, and one must come from a church member, community member, or an employer. **References from relatives will not be considered.** Letters of reference should address the following:

- Character, Personality, Motivation, Initiative, Sense of Responsibility, & Citizenship

Personal Data:

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Email Address: _____

Current Residence _____
City State Zip

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Home Phone: ____ / _____ Alternate Phone: ____ / _____

Racial Background: (Check the correct box) African American Asian Caucasian
Hispanic Native American Multi-Ethnic Other

Educational Data:

High School: _____

School Address: _____
City State Zip

Grade Point Average: _____
Weighted Un-Weighted

College or University Which You Plan to Attend: _____

Address _____
City State Zip

Student Activity Information:

Directions: Please answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper. DO NOT BE MODEST. All information can be used by the Scholarship Committee during the selection process.

1. List colleges to which you have applied and been accepted.
2. What is your planned major?
3. What role will your family play in support of your college education?
4. What do you think you will need to be successful in your first year of college?
5. How would you describe your leadership abilities?
6. Describe your work experience(s), if any.
7. Tell about your community service activities.
8. What are your career aspirations upon completion of college?
9. Type a 300-word essay detailing: If your best friend were sitting next to you, how would he/she describe you?

Release Authorization: I certify that the information in this application is true, complete, and accurate. I understand that any inaccurate information of a substantial nature provided as part of this application will result in disqualification. I, hereby voluntarily grant my high school permission to confirm and/or verify information to The Links, Incorporated and/or their agent for the purpose of the scholarship selection.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date _____

Application and requested documents must be received by: March 24, 2023

Direct applications and letters of reference mailed to:

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PO Box 50941
Sarasota, FL 34232-0307