

BIG Scholarship Award

OAK RIDGE CHAPTER ★ BLACKS IN GOVERNMENT

BIG functions as a professional development association, an advocacy organization, an employee support group, and to provide community service. BIG's goals essentially are to promote EQUITY in all aspects of American life, EXCELLENCE in public service, and OPPORTUNITY for all Americans. The Chapter's mission is to assist and support BIG in achieving and retaining its status of excellence in the public and community sector. This mission will be achieved by maintaining effective communication in the black community on available scholarships to encourage students to continue their education.

This brochure will tell you how to apply for financial aid and what assistance is available to any student planning to enter college, trade school, or other special educational programs after high school.

MISSION

The purpose of this scholarship is to promote and encourage local high school seniors to pursue higher education.

In general, all applicants must meet the following criteria to be eligible for financial assistance:

- Must be a U.S. citizen
- Must be registered with Selective Service (if applicable)
- Must be a resident of Knoxville/Anderson or Roane County

There are two types of financial assistance. (Students are allowed to apply to **only one category**.) The two types are:

Academic Excellence Scholarship (AES)

Students are awarded the scholarship based primarily on their scholastic achievements in high school. Under this scholarship, a student demonstrates outstanding academic achievement and shows promise of continued excellence. This is a one-time scholarship. The total scholarship amount is dependent upon the number of recipients in a given year. **Financial status is not a factor for this award. Please DO NOT complete the Financial Need Only section on the Scholarship Application.**

Financial Need Scholarship (FNS)

Students are awarded scholarships based upon their financial status. Awards go to students with the greatest financial need.

Application Requirements (for both FNS & AES)

Factors that determine the award are:

- I. **Application Form**
- II. **Academic Achievement** - Indicate GPA on application
- III. **Essay** - Minimum of 500 words in accordance with the theme. Essay may be attached to the application.
- IV. **Extra Curricular/Community Awards** - Included list may be attached to application.
- V. **High School/Community Awards and Honors** - Included list may be attached to application.
- VI. **Signed application by parent or guardian that all information is correct**

ESSAY THEME:

(Please check the theme that applies)

- How will your college education contribute to the betterment of our society?
- How will this financial aid assist you in furthering your education?

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Type of Scholarship: AES FNS

(Pick only one category)

Name: _____

Address: _____

SS# (last four digits): _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

School: _____

G.P.A. _____ /4.0

Intended _____ Intended _____

Major: _____ University: _____

Academic scholars do not need to complete

the financial need section.

Financial Need Only:

Family Income (check one)

- 0-\$20,000 \$21-\$30,000
- \$31,000-\$40,000 \$41-\$50,000
- \$51,000-\$60,000 \$61,000 & Up

___ Total Number of Family members
in your household

___ Number of Dependents (if any)

DETACH AND MAIL

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Continued

High School/Community Awards

and Honors: _____

Extra Curricular/Community

Activities:

All of the above information has been verified and is true.

Parent/Guardian Signature

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Attach essay to your application.

All complete entries must be emailed by

March 19, 2021 to

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