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Scholarship Program
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Purpose

The American Association of Blacks in Energy is a professional association composed of African Americans in the energy industry. Through its Scholarship Program, the Association seeks to help increase the number of African Americans, Hispanics and Native Americans (underrepresented minorities) in energy related fields. By doing so, we help our nation address a critical need and a challenge to our future economic vitality in the world market.

Eligibility

To be eligible for a new scholarship, all four (4) of the following requirements must be met:

1. The student must have an unweighted academic average of “B” or better (3.0 on a 4.0 scale).

2. The student must be a graduating high school senior and resident of the State of Tennessee who will enroll the next semester following high school graduation in an accredited college or university.

3. The student must plan to major in business, one of the physical sciences, technology, engineering or mathematic fields in preparation for a career in the energy sector.

4. The student must be one of the historically underrepresented minorities in the sciences, technology, engineering, art and math related disciplines. (African American, Hispanic or Native American)

Selection

Scholarship recipients - known as AABE Scholars - are determined each spring by the organization’s local chapter scholarship committee for local scholarships and by the National Scholarship Committee for national scholarships. Recipients will receive notification of their selection.

Awards

Individual chapters of the American Association of Blacks in Energy have different awards and awarding amounts. The top candidates from each chapter are sent to compete for a $3,000 Regional and a $5,000 National Award. The “Rufus D. Gladney” Premier Award of $5,000 is given annually for a maximum of four years to the candidate who is judged to demonstrate the most outstanding achievement and promise. The Tennessee Chapter of AABE will award local Chapter scholarships. The top winner’s application is forwarded to compete for a Southwest regional award of $3,000. Tennessee Chapter’s local awards are $3,000, $2,500 and $2,000 (The Southwest region is one of six AABE regions).
The Application Package

Consideration will be given only to candidates submitting complete application packages which include: (1) a completed AABE application form (copies are acceptable); (2) an official high school transcript; (3) a complete essay that has been proofread for typing error, grammar, structure, organization, content and clarity; (4) official proof of ACT or SAT scores; (5) two letters of reference; and (6) a completed checklist. Please include a picture of yourself to be used when winners are announced. Also please redact Social Security numbers from any documents.

Complete application packages MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN February 3, 2020 and submitted to the local AABE chapter listed below. Applications returned to the AABE national office or the National Scholarship Committee is in violation of procedures and will not be considered for scholarship support.

Mail Application to: American Association of Blacks in Energy
Attn: Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 3656
Memphis TN  38173-3656

In lieu of mailing, complete application packages may also be scanned and emailed (by the due date) to the following email address: aabetnchapter@gmail.com

NOTE: Files larger than 2.5 MB may need to be zipped or reduced to ensure delivery.

Please remember that in applying and if accepting a scholarship, you have agreed on the application to the below statements in the Certification Signature Section.

✓ I certify that the information provided on the application and all supporting documentation submitted at any time is true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if I give information that is not true or if I withhold information and my student(s) receive a scholarship for which they are not eligible, the scholarship will be denied or revoked.

✓ I have an unweighted academic average of “B” or better (3.0 on a 4.0 scale).

✓ I am graduating high school senior residing in the State of Tennessee who will enroll next semester in an accredited college or university.

✓ I will major in business, one of the physical sciences, technology, engineering, art or mathematic fields.

✓ I am one of the underrepresented minorities (African Americans, Hispanic or Native Americans) in the sciences and related areas of technology.

✓ I have submitted a completed AABE application form (copies are acceptable).
✓ I have attached an official current high school transcript. (Note: Please provide proof of the unweighted GPA to be included in transcripts)

✓ I have composed the requested essay and it has been proofread for typing errors, grammar, structure, organization, content and clarity.

✓ I have attached a copy of the official record of my ACT and/or SAT scores.

✓ I have attached two (2) letters of reference.

✓ I have additional sheets, as needed, to list all my school and community extracurricular activities.

✓ My name appears on ALL attachments

**Renewing Scholarship Eligibility**

The Rufus D. Gladney National Scholarship is renewable for up to four years. In order to receive the next installment, all three (3) of the following requirements must be met:

1. The student must maintain an academic average of 3.0 or better.
2. The student must have completed a minimum of 2 semesters prior to requesting the next installment.
3. The student’s major must be in the business or one of the physical sciences, technology, engineering or mathematic fields.

**Scholarship Awarding Procedure and Payments**

National Awards are made to the students upon presentation of proof of enrollment at an accredited college or university at the discretion of the National Office. Distribution of local chapter awards are made at the discretion of the local chapter upon proof of enrollment at an accredited college or university. The check will be made payable in the student’s name.

**Loss of Renewable Scholarship**

The Rufus D. Gladney Scholarship will not be renewed if any of the following occurs:

1. Student does not complete two (2) concurrent semesters.
2. Student withdraws from school.
3. Student changes majors to an uncovered field of study.
4. Student does not maintain a 3.0 grade average.

**Change of Contact Information**

If there is a change of address, telephone, cell phone or E-mail address, the student must immediately notify the Association. You can reach us at info@aabe.org.
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name_________________________ Phone (_____) _______________________
   Last  First    M.I.

Address ____________________________________________
   Street  City  State  Zip

Email address __________________________________________

Cell Phone (___) _____________ Date of Birth ________________ Sex:  M__  F__

Ethnicity: African-American ___ Native-American ___ Hispanic ___ Other __________

Parent(s)/Guardian

Father ____________________________
   Name

Address ____________________________ Home Phone____________________

Mother ____________________________
   Name

Address ____________________________ Home Phone____________________

   OR

Guardian ____________________________
   Name

Address ____________________________ Home Phone____________________

   Guardian’s Relationship to Applicant ____________________________

Email address of parent or guardian ____________________________

College(s) to which you have applied: __________________________________________
Where accepted? ____________________________________________________________

Intended major ___________________________________________ Expected date of enrollment _______

Total score for ACT _______ or SAT _______ Date of examination ________________

Critical Reading score _______ Math score _________ Writing score ________________

Overall academic **unweighted** GPA _________ on a 4.0 scale Name of high school presently attending: ____________________________________________________________

Address ________________________________________________________________

Expected date of graduation ________________________________________________

Counselors Name ______________________ Telephone (__) ______________________

**Extracurricular Activities** in Which You Are Presently Active:

1. School Activities ________________________________________________________

2. Community Activities __________________________________________________

3. Offices Held and Honors Received _______________________________________

On a separate sheet, in 350 words or less (typed, doubled-spaced), please type a concise essay addressing (1) When did you discover your interest in the field of energy and what sparked your interest? (2) Choose one of the following questions: (a) **what excites you about this field and how do you plan to make your personal contribution to the energy field?** OR (b) **How do you expect your education to prepare you to fully participate and contribute to the field of energy?** (3) Please comment on any additional information which may assist the selection committee.
Please include your full name on each page of the essay.

Please give the names, addresses and telephone numbers of two references, other than members of your family:

Name __________________________   Name __________________________
Address _________________________   Address _________________________
                                    ______________________________
Telephone (___)___________________   Telephone (___)___________________
Relationship _______________________   Relationship _______________________  
to Applicant _______________________   to Applicant _______________________  

I hereby state that the information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

________________________________   __________________________
Applicant’s Signature                  Date

________________________________   __________________________
Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Signature        Date
**Photo Release and Consent Form**

I hereby consent to the use of my photographic image and/or name by the American Association of Blacks in Energy (AABE®) in any printed form or on any website or social media application of the Association. I further agree that the Association is free to select any photographs without consultation with me.

I understand that I am donating the photograph and that there will be no payment or compensation for the photograph or its use. In giving my consent, I agree that I shall not bring or file any complaints, claims, or causes of action of any kind against, and release, the American Association of Blacks in Energy for any matter in connection with the use of my photograph or name.

Print Full Legal Name: ________________________________________________

Legal Signature: ______________________________________________________

Parent/Guardian Signature *: __________________________________________

Date: __________________________________________________________________

*Parent/Guardian Signature is required if subject is a minor.
The following is a list of qualifications and items that MUST be submitted in order for a scholarship application to be considered. Every candidate must be able to check each line.

As a candidate for the AABE scholarship program, I affirm the following:

____ I have an unweighted academic average of “B” or better (3.0 on a 4.0 scale).

____ I am a graduating high school senior who intends to enroll next semester in an accredited college or university.

____ I will major in business, one of the physical sciences, technology, engineering or mathematics fields.

____ I am one of the underrepresented minorities (African American, Hispanic or Native American) in the sciences and related area of technology.

____ I have submitted a completed AABE application form (copies are acceptable).

____ I have attached an official current high school transcript. (Note: Please provide proof of the unweighted GPA to be included in transcripts)

____ I have composed the requested essay and it has been proofread for typing errors, grammar, structure, organization, content and clarity.

____ I have attached a copy of the official record of my ACT and/or SAT scores.

____ I have attached two (2) letters of reference.

____ I have additional sheets, as needed, to list all of my school and community extracurricular activities.

____ My name appears on ALL attachments.

____ I have attached a current photo of myself. **Photographs of the students are not required, but are used when winners are announced**

Your signature below signifies you have checked each line above and therefore affirm each statement. After signing, attach this form to the front of your application. Applications will not be reviewed without the checklist attached. Any omissions or misrepresentations of the truth will be grounds for disqualification.
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Local Scholarship Requirements for “C” Average or Better

Students who have at least a “C” high school academic average are welcome to apply for the Local Scholarship. Students with at least a “C” average must complete the Local Scholarship Application Checklist for “C” average or better.

Additional Eligibility:

- The student must be a graduating high school senior and resident of the State of Tennessee who will enroll the next semester following high school graduation in an accredited college or university.
- Be one of the historically underrepresented minorities in the sciences, technology, engineering, art and math related disciplines. (African American, Hispanic or Native American).

The application deadline is Monday, February 3, 2020.

Local scholarship awards from the Tennessee AABE Chapter are from $1,000, $500 and $250. The application and checklist are attached.

*The AABE-Tennessee Chapter Scholarship Committee*

nbailey@mlgw.org

(901) 372-5684
Local Scholarship Application - Checklist for “C” Average or Better

The following is a list of qualifications and items that Must be submitted in order for a scholarship application to be considered. Every candidate must be able to check each line.

As a candidate for the AABE scholarship program, I affirm the following:

_____ I have an academic average of "C" or better.

_____ I am a graduating high school senior and resident of the State of Tennessee who will enroll next semester in an accredited college or university.

_____ I am one of the underrepresented minorities (African American, Hispanic or Native American).

_____ I have submitted a completed AABE Application form (copies are acceptable).

_____ I have attached an official current high school transcript.

_____ I have composed the requested essay, and it has been proofread for answering the three essay questions, typing errors, grammar, structure, organization, content and clarity. (Pay special attention in answering all three essay questions. It can be a determining factor for your selection.)

_____ I have attached a copy of my ACT and/or SAT scores.

_____ I have attached (2) two letters of reference (one academic and one nonacademic).

_____ I have additional sheets, as needed, to list all of my school and community extra-curricular activities.

Your signature below signifies you have checked each line above and therefore affirm each statement. After signing, attach this form to the front of your application. Applications will not be reviewed without the checklist attached. Any omissions or misrepresentations of the truth will be grounds for disqualification.
Student’s Name (PRINT) ___________________________ Date ___________________________

Student’s Signature ___________________________ Date ___________________________

Note: Ineligible candidates and incomplete application submissions will not be considered! The complete application package “MUST BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN” the date indicated on the application.

“B” or better candidates may fill out this checklist only if candidate is majoring in business, one of the physical sciences, technology, and engineering, arts or mathematics fields.