

The Links, Incorporated

Tacoma (WA) Chapter
Scholarship Committee

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Tacoma (WA) Chapter Scholarship in Honor of **Link Princess Jackson-Smith**

The Tacoma (WA) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated received a legacy donation from the estate of Link Princess Jackson-Smith in 2015 in the amount of \$7,100.00. The Tacoma (WA) Chapter is committed to awarding scholarships to students who exemplify the qualities and characteristics of Link Princess. Link Princess was a dedicated, longstanding and loyal member of the Tacoma (WA) Chapter.

A talented orator, writer and communicator, Link Princess blazed the trail for women of color in the field of public relations. She was devoted to helping young people, especially women, realize their full potential and overcome barriers to succeed in the communications field.

The *Princess Jackson-Smith Scholarship Award* will be presented to Tacoma (WA) Chapter scholarship recipients who exemplify the qualities of Link Princess. Those students who are gifted writers, including poets, orators, journalists, facilitators and public speakers, will be considered for this scholarship award.

The first *Princess Jackson-Smith Scholarship* was awarded in 2016 to Kia Addison in the amount of \$750.00. Ms. Addison is a talented writer and poet and read one of her works during Spring Fling 2016.

The Tacoma (WA) Chapter has given the Scholarship Committee the responsibility to review and select appropriate candidates for the *Princess Jackson-Smith Scholarship Award*. The Committee will carefully and responsibly select the individuals to receive this award.

In carrying out its responsibilities, the Scholarship Committee makes the following assurances and recommendations:

- That the Scholarship Committee will work with the Treasurer to ensure the *Princess Jackson-Smith Scholarship* monies are deposited in an accessible interest bearing account to ensure longevity of the funds. In the alternative, the Committee will request that the funds be apportioned between a long term interest bearing fund and a fund where the monies will be readily available.
- That only candidates who exemplify the characteristics of Link Princess Jackson-Smith shall be chosen for the award.
- After selection of the candidate, the Chapter will be provided information about the candidate.
- That the scholarships will be awarded over a period of time, but no less than seven (7) years to honor the memory of Link Princess Jackson-Smith. (For example, scholarships

may be awarded as follows: 7 - \$1,000 scholarships for each of 7 years; 9 - \$750 scholarships for each of 9 years or; 14 - \$500 scholarships for each of 14 years).

- That the scholarships shall range in amounts from \$500 to \$1,000, depending on the candidate's qualifications and other evaluation criteria.
- That in some years, no award may be given if the criteria to receive the award are not satisfied.

The Scholarship Committee respectfully requests the Tacoma (WA) Chapter authorize the Committee to continue to award the *Princess Jackson-Smith Scholarship* in accordance with the above recommendations.

Thank you.

The Tacoma (WA) Chapter Scholarship Committee

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