



To: The Links, Incorporated- Tacoma (WA) Chapter
From: Scholarship Committee Report
Date: March 23, 2019

I. Selection of 15 Students for Scholarships/Book Awards --The scholarship committee met on February 20, 2019 to select this year's recipients of the Tacoma Links scholarship awards. Always mindful of our budget, this year, we were especially mindful of our budget and the decisions the scholarship awards made. We had a competitive group from which to make our selection. The selections are listed below.

II. Link Princess Jackson Smith Memorial Award --This year, we awarded a **Link Princess Jackson Smith** scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 to a student who most closely resembles the talent, creativity and spunk of Link Princess. Contenders for this award were asked to read and complete the ending to a story (written by our very own, Link Kimberly Green), who penned a colorful and magnificent story. This student drew on her creative talent and imagery to craft an ending that had us all spell bound. There is no doubt she deserves this award.

III. Selection of Palmer Scholar--On February 21, 2019, Link Dorothy and Link Stephanie represented the Chapter in the second round of interviews for our Palmer's scholar. We selected two preliminarily, then narrowed to one. The Committee interviewed the student finally selected and all were favorably impressed by her sincerity and self-awareness. She is a junior year at Curtis High School. We will provide more information later to the Chapter.

Budgeting for Palmer Scholar--The Chapter already has begun to budget for her scholarship as well as administrative fees associated with the Palmer Scholars program. We do not have to make our first payment until June following her graduation (June of 2020).

IV. Scholarship Committee Meeting held after Chapter Business Meeting--February 23, 2019 with members available after meeting. Discussed upcoming interviews and plans for scholarship reception.

V. Interviewed Scholarship Recipients- . March 6, 2019 --this is the first year we included interviews as part of our selection process. We limited interviews to students receiving a scholarship (\$1,000) versus a Book Award of \$500. Committee Members

who participated in the interview process agreed this is a good way to obtain additional information about the students. The process was efficient and informative.

VI. Palmers Scholarships Partnership Formalized - On March 12, 2019, Tacoma Links Chapter formalized its partnership with Palmers Scholars. The Tacoma Links are the first African American organization to partner with the Palmers Scholars. We share common goals and values and are delighted to join with Palmers Scholars in providing educational opportunities for African American youth in the greater Tacoma area. We are still planning to serve dinner to students and faculty during one of their seminars. We will invite the Chapter to participate once details are worked out.

VII. Committee Meeting March 13, 2019 – Teleconference – Members Present: *Link Alicia Stephens, Link Kay Wilson Kirby, Link Mary Green, Link Chris Turner, Link Kimberly Green, Dorothy Williams and Link Stephanie Croom Williams*

- Meeting primarily to finalize plans for reception on **Sunday, March 31, 2019** at the Rotunda, Building 3 at Clover Park Technical College from 1:30 to 3:30. **Links members planning to attend the scholarship reception must notify Link Mary Green by Tuesday, March 26, 2019.**

VIII. Tacoma Links 2019 Scholarships Awarded

A. Received 36 applications (not all were complete).

• 7 Scholarships were awarded in the amount of \$1,000	\$7,000
• 5 Book Awards-in the amount of \$500	\$2500
• 2 Returning students- (supported last 2 years)	\$500
Subtotal 14 Students	\$10,000

- *Link Princess Jackson Smith Memorial Award* -1 award \$1,000

Total Awards -15 Students \$11,000

B. **Tacoma Legacy**- One 2019 Legacy Award—funded by the Chapter

Respectfully Submitted,

The Scholarship Committee

Link Chris Turner

Link Mary Green

Link Kay Wilson Kirby

Links Dorothy Williams, Co-Chairman

Link Iris Williams West

Link Alicia Stephens

Link Kimberly Green

Link Stephanie Croom Williams, Chairman