



The Links, Incorporated
Tacoma (WA) Links
2020 Scholarship Application

Application Deadline: January 19, 2020
Email Completed Application to TacomaLinksScholarships@gmail.com

If you have any questions, please contact
Mrs. Dorothy Williams, Co-Chairman, Scholarship Committee
(253) 405-5201

Eligibility Requirements

1. Applicant must be a *U.S. citizen* of African descent pursuing an undergraduate degree or technical training at an accredited technical college.
2. Applicant must be graduating from high school, continuing his/her educational training, or be attending a college or university in the United States in the fall following high school graduation.
3. Applicant must reside in the greater Puget Sound area including but not limited to Pierce County, Federal Way, Olympia, and Kitsap County.
4. Applicant must be registered at an educational institution on a full-time basis as defined by the institution.
5. Applicant must have a Cumulative Grade Point Average of 2.7 or higher.
6. Applications must be typed. Handwritten applications and/or incomplete applications will not be accepted and will disqualify the applicant. A *complete* application includes a completed application form, required essays, three letters of recommendation, a facial photo and transcript.

Application Requirements

1. The Application, three (3) letters of recommendation and Photo must be emailed to TacomaLinksScholarships@gmail.com by no later than midnight **January 19, 2020**.
Two of the three letters must be completed by a teacher, counselor or principal. Letters from parents or family members do not meet this requirement.
2. Applicant's first and last name should appear in the subject line of the email, e.g., **Ann Smith**.
3. At least two weeks before **January 19, 2020**, Applicant should request the school email a copy of his or her official transcript to TacomaLinksScholarships@gmail.com to ensure its arrival by **January 19, 2020**.
5. Writing Samples- Two writing samples are required; please place full name on each essay.
 - a. Write a **paragraph** of not more than 250 words on the topic: "Why this Scholarship is Important to Me"
 - b. Write an **essay** of not more than 1000 words on **one** of the following topics:
 - Is it Safe to be Young and Black in America? How have you been personally impacted by the shooting of unarmed Blacks in recent years?
Or
 - Can Peaceful Protests, Such as Taking a Knee, Affect True Change in America?
Or
 - What Advice Would you Give to Your Peers about Using Drugs?
Or
 - In Today's Political Climate, Why Should We Vote?Use your own words. If you conduct research, include a bibliography if appropriate. Type your writing sample in 12-point font, double spaced in Times New Roman or Ariel font.
6. Photograph: Applicant must provide a 3x5 or 4x6 frontal facial photograph, e.g. school photo. Please be sure your photograph is clear and appropriate for reproducing in the program booklet featuring scholarship recipients. Do not send a full body picture.
7. The scholarship committee may request Applicant interviews.
8. **It is the Applicant's responsibility to ensure all parts of your application are submitted by no later than January 19, 2020.**

Financial Data

1. My household consists of me and _____ other individuals. I have _____ siblings who live with me.

2. The Gross annual income (before taxes) for my household is:
\$15,000 to \$40,000 _____ \$80,000 to \$150,000 _____
\$40,000 to \$80,000 _____ More than \$150,000 _____

3. List scholarship awards you have received. _____

Academic Data

1. High School Attending _____ Graduation Date _____
GPA _____

2. Do you plan to attend a college or university? _____ Major field of study _____

3. If you are currently attending college, indicate the name and location of your school.

Major _____ Minor _____ Graduation Date _____ GPA _____

4. List academic and other special awards or honors received.

5. List extracurricular activities and community/church involvement.

6. List leadership positions held.

7. Applications for college admission have been submitted to:

Pledge

I pledge that the information submitted in this application is true and correct. I realize I may be disqualified if any portion is incomplete, inaccurate or false.

I pledge to adhere to the requirements and expectations as a recipient of The Tacoma (WA) Links scholarship and to use scholarship monies towards books, tuition, fees and other costs associated with attending college.

I agree that the Tacoma (WA) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated may use my photograph in a program booklet or video presentation during the awards program and/or for other marketing purposes.

Student: By typing your Full Name below, you pledge that all information contained herein is true and accurate and constitutes an official signature.

Parent/Guardian: Your full name typed below constitutes an official Parent/Guardian signature.

Student's Full Name: _____
Date: _____

Parent/Guardian's Full Name: _____
Date: _____



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Scholarship Application Checklist

To Applicants:

Use the following checklist to ensure you have completed all requirements for your application. Please be sure you are able to check off each item before submitting your application.

- _____ 1. All sections of the application have been completed. Nothing is left blank.
- _____ 2. Pledge is signed by both parent and student (handwritten or electronic Signature is accepted).
- _____ 3. Your name is on your essay.
- _____ 4. Your essay has a title.
- _____ 5. An appropriate photo accompanies the application, such as a school yearbook photo or head shot. **Do not send a full body picture.**
- _____ 6. Your official transcript has been e-mailed to TacomaLinksScholarships@gmail.com by the registrar at your school by **January 19, 2020.**