



The Links, Incorporated
Tacoma (WA) Links
2023 Scholarship Application

Application Deadline: February 13, 2023
Email Completed Application to TacomaLinksScholarships@gmail.com

If you have any questions, please contact
Mrs. Christine Turner, Chair, Scholarship Committee
(253)227-8066
or
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 in the fall following high school graduation.
3. Applicant must reside in the greater Puget Sound area including, but not limited to, Pierce County, Kitsap County, South King County, and Thurston 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 **February 13, 2023**. 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 **February 13, 2023**, Applicant should request the school email a copy of the official transcript to TacomaLinksScholarships@gmail.com or postal mail it to Tacoma (WA) Links at P.O. Box 111777, Tacoma, WA 98411 to arrive by **February 13, 2023**.
4. Samples- Two writing samples are required; please place full name and essay title on each essay.
 - a. Write a **paragraph** of not more than 250 words on the topic: "Why Do You Deserve This Scholarship?"
 - b. Write an **essay** of not more than 1000 words on **one** of the following topics:
 - c. 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
 - d. Do you believe the U.S. democratic process is under threat? Why?
Or
 - e. What advice would you give to your peers about using drugs?
Or
 - f. How would you minimize the impact of climate change?
Or
 - g. How would you make this world a better place?
 - h. 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 Arial font.
5. 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.
6. The scholarship committee may request Applicant interviews.
7. **It is the Applicant's responsibility to ensure all parts of the application are submitted no later than February 13, 2023.**



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All application materials must be typed. Answer all questions.

1. Name: _____
First **Middle** **Last**

2. Address: _____
Number **Street**

City **State** **Zip Code**
3. Phone: **Home** _____ **Cell** _____ **Other** _____

4. E-mail Address: _____

5. Date of Birth: _____ / _____ / _____

6. Ethnicity: _____

7. Gender: Male Female

8. U.S. Citizen: Yes No

9. Name of Father/Guardian: _____ Occupation _____

10. Address of Father/Guardian: _____

11. Father/Guardian's Phone:
 Home _____ Work _____ Other _____

12. Name of Mother/Guardian: _____ Occupation _____

13. Address of Mother/Guardian: _____

14. Mother/Guardian's Phone:
 Home _____ Work _____ Other _____

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 _____

\$40,001 to \$80,000 _____

\$80,001 to \$100,000 _____

\$100,001 to \$150,000 _____

\$40,001 to \$80,000 _____

More than \$150,001 _____

3. List scholarship awards you have received: _____

Academic Data

1. High School Attending _____ Graduation Date _____ GPA _____

2. Do you plan to attend a college, university, or trade school? _____

3. Major _____ Minor _____

4. Applications for college admission have been submitted to: _____

5. Into which institution(s) have you been accepted? _____

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

5. List extracurricular activities and community/church involvement. _____

6. List leadership positions held. _____

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, Incorporated 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.

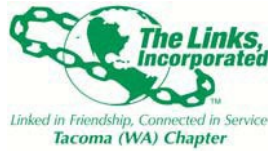
Parent/Guardian: Your full name typed below constitutes an official Parent/Guardian signature.

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 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 emailed to TacomaLinksScholarships@gmail.com by the registrar at your school by **February 13, 2023**.