



The Links, Incorporated
Tacoma (WA) Links
2024 Scholarship Application

Application Deadline: February 16, 2024
Email Completed Application to TacomaLinksScholarships@aol.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 an African American U.S. citizen pursuing an undergraduate degree or technical training at an accredited technical college.
2. Applicant must be graduating from high school and 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 packet includes a completed application form, required essays, three letters of recommendation, a facial photo, and transcript.

Application Requirements

1. The Scholarship Committee will accept only one email per applicant. The email must include the application form, two essays, and a facial photo. Send the email to TacomaLinksScholarships@aol.com **no later than midnight February 16, 2024.**
2. Three letters of recommendation are required. Two of the three letters of recommendation must be completed and submitted by a teacher, counselor, or principal. The applicant's third letter may be written and submitted by anyone other than a family member. All letters of recommendation must be emailed to TacomaLinksScholarships@aol.com no later than midnight **February 16, 2024.**
3. At least two weeks before **February 16, 2024**, applicant should request the school email a copy of the official transcript to TacomaLinksScholarships@aol.com or postal mail it to Tacoma (WA) Links at P.O. Box 111777, Tacoma, WA 98411. The Scholarship Committee must receive the transcript no later than midnight **February 16, 2024.**
4. Two essays are required. The applicant must include his/her full name and essay title on each page.
 - a. Write an essay, containing **no more than 250 words**, on the topic: "Why I Deserve This Scholarship."
 - b. Write an essay, containing **no 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
Do you believe the U.S. democratic process is under threat? Why? or Why Not?
Or
What advice would you give to your peers about using drugs?
Or
How would you minimize the impact of climate change?
Or
How would you make this world a better place?
5. Use your own words; do not plagiarize. If you conduct research, include a bibliography, if appropriate. Type your essays in 12-point double spaced, Times New Roman or Arial font.
6. Photograph: Applicant must provide a 3x5 or 4x6 **frontal facial photograph** (e.g., school

yearbook photo or headshot) AND ensure the photograph is clear and appropriate for reproducing in the program booklet that will feature the 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 the application packet are submitted no later than February 16, 2024.** A checklist is provided for your verification.



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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 _____

More than \$150,000 _____

3. List scholarship awards you have received. _____

Academic and Extracurricular 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? _____

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

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

8. List leadership positions held. _____

9. Do you have any special talents that you would like to share?

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) Chapter of The 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 Packet Checklist

To Applicants:

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

- _____ 1. You completed all sections of the application form. (Nothing is left blank.)
- _____ 2. You and your parent or guardian signed the pledge. (Handwritten or electronic signature are accepted.)
- _____ 3. Your full name and the essay title are on each page of your essays.
- _____ 4. Your photo is of the front of your face only such as a school yearbook photo or head shot. (**Do not send a full-body picture.**)
- _____ 5. Your official transcript has been emailed to TacomaLinksScholarships@aol.com by the registrar at your school no later than **February 16, 2024**.
- _____ 6. You directed the authors of your three recommendation letters to email the letters to TacomaLinksScholarships@aol.com **no later than February 16, 2024**.