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2017 TLBC Scholarship Information & Criteria

On February 27, 2017, at the TLBC Scholarship Banquet of the 2017 African American Legislative Summit, the Caucus will award over 60 scholarships for deserving students throughout Texas.

- Each TLBC Member will get three (3) - \$1,500 scholarships to distribute to students in their respective districts.
- There will be six (6) - \$4,000 scholarships awarded on an at-large basis from only member's districts.
- There will also be four (4) - \$1,500 at large scholarships awarded to students who do not live in any TLBC Member's district.

The following criteria has been adopted to select winners of the scholarships:

1. Student must be a U.S. citizen.
2. Student must have a minimum 2.5 grade point average. **the six at large TLBC member district recipients of the \$4,000 scholarships will be required to have a GPA above 3.0*
3. Student must be a Spring 2017 graduating senior from a Texas Education Agency (TEA) accredited high school.
4. Applicants must be enrolled full-time (12 + hrs) in the Fall 2017 in an accredited college, university, or community college to receive scholarship funds. Scholarships will be awarded only for undergraduate study.
5. Scholarship recipient selection(s) will be made without regard to race, age, gender, religion, political beliefs, employment status, or any other factor, which could constitute unfair or illegal discrimination.
6. The following people **will not be eligible** for a scholarship: Relatives of the current TLBC Scholarship board member, relatives of any TLBC Caucus members, relatives of any current member of the Texas House or Texas Senate or relatives of any staff of all the previously mentioned held positions.
7. Students must submit/complete an application, accompanied by an official GPA transcript, declaration of good standing, (2) letters of recommendation [(1) - from a faculty member of current school], a cover letter and a 400-500 word essay: "*How I will use my college education to contribute to the betterment of the State of Texas or my local community in the next 15 years*"
8. On application, indicate your State Representative and State Senator.
9. **All applications should be received no later than January 31, 2017. No late or incomplete applications will be accepted.**
10. Scholarship funds are payable directly to the educational institution.

Please complete and return the required Scholarship Application found on the following page.

Mail Completed Application, Transcript, Essay & 2 Letters of Recommendation to:

**Texas Legislative Black Caucus
1108 Lavaca St., Suite 110- PMB 171
Austin, TX 78701**

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(Please print legibly)

FULL NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **STATE:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

State Representative _____

State Senator _____

EMAIL _____

PHONE #: _____ **HIGH SCHOOL:** _____

G.P.A. _____ **CLASS RANK:** _____

Minimum of a 2.5 GPA on 4.0 scale to be eligible for \$1,500 scholarship, applicants with 3.0 GPA will be eligible for \$4,000 scholarship. Attach most recently available official transcript certified by Registrar & Certificate of good standing.

SCHOOL CLUB/ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP: _____

VOLUNTEER WORK: _____

COLLEGES UNDER CONSIDERATION: _____

Please check below to ensure the following items are correct and enclosed:

May 2017 Graduate
2 Letters of Recommendation
Application
Essay
U.S. Citizen
Transcript
Photo

Please provide a typed 400 to 500 word essay describing, "How you will use your college education to the betterment of your community." (DO NOT include your name or names of any family members in the essay. No more than 500 words, strict adherence to this rule is required.)

MUST SIGN BELOW

I hereby swear that all information provided is truthful and accurate. In addition, I swear that I meet the requirements of Item #6 on page 1 of the application and am of no relation to any of the listed persons.

Signature:

Date: