

**2017 COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION**

Each year, The Urban League of Philadelphia (ULP) awards scholarships to students pursuing college degrees. Students entering or currently attending colleges or universities are encouraged to apply for all the scholarships for which they are eligible. The scholarships are intended to supplement funding for deserving students and payments are made directly to the college or university upon receipt of documentation confirming enrollment. Applications, certifications and letters of recommendation are due on February 3, 2017 at the offices of The Urban League of Philadelphia. **Applications that arrive after February 3, 2017 will not be considered.** Students will be notified by The Urban League of Philadelphia via e-mail by May 10, 2017 (if no e-mail address is available, notification will be made by US mail). Any applicants who have not received a response by May 13, 2017 are asked to call (215) 985-3220 ext. 228 or e-mail youth@urbanleaguephila.org to determine the status of the application. Note that incomplete applications will not be considered.

**Scholarship Application Checklist**

* Complete the application (via the online form or you may download and print the application)
* Complete the personal contact and high school information section.
* Ask guidance counselor to complete the academic certification
* Ask two (2) individuals who are not family members and who can speak to your character to write letters of recommendation on your behalf. These individuals can be faculty members from your school, supervisors from your place of work, or community leaders.
* Write a 500-750 word essay outlining who or what has been the major influence in your life so far and how that influence is shaping your decision to go to college or what field of study to pursue.
* Review and sign the Media Release and Consent Form.
* Submit the Application by **February 3, 2017**
* **Online**: Applications can be submitted via the online form. You can upload all supplementary documents to the form, or email them separately to youth@urbanleaguephila.org
* **OR** **Mail** completed application to: *The Urban League of Philadelphia, 121 South Broad Street, 9th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19107, Attn: Scholarship Applications*. The application, academic certification and recommendations letters can be mailed either together or separately, but **each piece must include the applicant’s name at the top of the page** and be in the office by close of business on February 3, 2017. **Do not staple or bind the applications or contents when submitting.**

***Note: Family members of, or other parties related to, scholarship donors and the Urban League of Philadelphia are not eligible to receive scholarship awards. Related parties include employees or family members of employees of companies/organizations contributing to the scholarship program.***

The following students are encouraged to apply based on requests from our donors:

* Freshman entering Kutztown University
* Freshmen entering Cheyney and Cheyney University students
* First Generation college students (defined as, parents did not attend college)
* Students majoring in the following areas
* Accounting
* Business
* Entrepreneurship
* Mathematics
* Music
* Science
* Art

***Community scholarships available for students to apply***

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| **Scholarship Requirements** | **Minimum Number of Scholarships Available** | **Dollar Amount of Scholarship Per Awardee** | **Award Term** |
| Freshman entering Kutztown University; GPA of 3.0/4.0 (or equivalent) | 1 | $5,000 | 4 years |
| Minimum 3.5/4.0 GPA (or equivalent); strong commitment to community service | 10 | $2,500 | 2 semesters |
| Minimum 3.5/4.0 GPA (or equivalent); strong commitment to community service; demonstrated financial need; must be in the first generation of the family to attend college. | 10 | $2,500 | 2 semesters |
| Minimum 3.0/4.0 GPA (or equivalent); strong commitment to community service. | 8 |  $2, 000 | 2 semesters |
| Minimum 2.5/4.0 GPA (or equivalent); strong commitment to community service; five of these scholarships are reserved for a student attending Cheyney University | 12 | $1,000 | 2 semesters |
| American Association of Black in Energy (AABE) scholarship focusing on students excelling in math and science. See separate application attached or at [www.urbanleaguephila.org/](http://www.urbanleaguephila.org/) youth – ***Note due date of March 1, 2017 for this scholarship.***  |  6 |  $2,000 | 2 semesters |

**Media Release and Consent Form**

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

To be signed by the scholarship applicant:

I have completed this application and confirm that the information provided is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that ULP reserves the right to condition the release of scholarship funds to my school on my timely response to ULP’s requests for academic information about me, including grades and other records that may be protected under the Family and Educational Rights Privacy Act. ULP may, in its sole discretion, disclose academic information about me in accordance with ULP’s Privacy Policy. I also understand that my application, will be reviewed by a committee to be designated by ULP. By signing this Community Scholarship Application, I agree to all of the above terms and conditions.

Photograph and image release

1. I authorize the Urban League of Philadelphia (ULP) to take photographs of me, to interview me, to publish, print and broadcast my voice and image for public relations and external media purposes (including but not limited to newspapers, television, radio, websites) and for internal purposes (including but not limited to Annual Reports, ULP website, and promotional materials).

2. I understand that my identity may be revealed through the use of my photographs and/or through the use of my name and voice.

3. Photographs taken for ULP purposes shall remain the property of the ULP.

4. The ULP, its Board of Directors and employees are released from any legal responsibility or liability for disclosure of the information referenced above to the extent indicated above.

5. I understand there will be no compensation for my spokesperson activities.

Accepted by:

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***Student Signature Parent Signature***

**Donor Request for Student Information**

*Note that donors frequently request the contact* *information of the student in order to maintain communication. Do you authorize The Urban* *League of Philadelphia to release your contact* *information to them?*

*Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_*

**Urban League of Philadelphia Annual Empowerment Gala ceremony**

*Confirm that if the student is awarded a scholarship, he or she can attend the award ceremony June, 2017. (date and location to be determined)*

*Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_*

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**PERSONAL CONTACT AND SCHOOL INFORMATION**

**(Please provide contact information for student and parent/guardian)**

Student’s Address \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Gender \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Ethnicity (optional) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

US Citizenship or US Permanent Resident? (circle one) Yes No Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Intended College/University \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Intended Major \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Extracurricular activities (attach additional sheet if necessary – include applicant’s name at top of page)

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| Club/Group Name | Role in Club/Group | How Long Have You Participated in This Activity? |
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Job(s) or Internships Held While in School

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Honors and Recognitions Received

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Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(enter any contact information that may be different from above)

**Has either one of your parents attended a college or university? yes \_\_ no\_\_**

Address \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**ACADEMIC CERTIFICATION TO BE COMPLETED BY SCHOOL COUNSELOR OR OTHER FACULTY MEMBER**

This certification is being completed by:

 \_\_\_\_\_ High school faculty member

 \_\_\_\_\_ College/university faculty member

Name of School \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The scholarship applicant has earned a GPA (or equivalent) of \_\_\_\_\_ out of a possible \_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The GPA is cumulative of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (date) and covers the period of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (date) through \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (date).

Courses taken for the most recent semester are:

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| **Course Name** | **Grade received** |
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Name of Person Completing This Form

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Signature

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Date

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