



## Scholarship Application

Scholarship awards range from \$500 to \$5,000

Completed applications and recommendations  
must be received by **February 29, 2012** at:

[scholarship@tacomalinksinc.org](mailto:scholarship@tacomalinksinc.org)

Save the Date: April 29, 2012  
Recognition of Scholarship Winners

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

**Mail Sealed Official Transcript and Individual Picture To:**

The Links Incorporated, Tacoma Chapter  
Mrs. Dorothy Williams  
P.O. Box 26385  
Federal Way, WA 98093

**Handwritten applications, recommendation forms, and letters of recommendation will not be accepted. These documents must be submitted electronically to facilitate distribution to members of the Scholarship Committee.**

Access application and recommendation form at: [www.tacomalinksinc.org](http://www.tacomalinksinc.org)

E-mail completed documents as attachments to: [scholarship@tacomalinksinc.org](mailto:scholarship@tacomalinksinc.org)

## Eligibility

- Applicant must be a student of African descent pursuing an undergraduate degree, graduate degree, or technical training.
- Applicant must be graduating from high school, continuing his/her educational training, or be attending a college or university in the United States during this current year.
- Applicant must be registered at an educational institution on a full-or part-time basis as defined by the institution.
- Applicant must have a Cumulative Grade Point Average of 2.7 or higher.

## Application Requirements

- Complete the entire scholarship application packet electronically (must be typed) by **February 29, 2012**. Incomplete applications may result in applicant's ineligibility.
- Submit sealed official academic transcript by mail by **February 29, 2012**.
- Obtain three recommendation forms. Two of the three must be from a teacher, counselor or principal. Collect recommendation forms and check that writers have signed them. Scan these forms and send with your application packet. Recommendation forms must be submitted electronically (scanned with signature).
- Write an essay responding to the following: "Identify four chronic diseases that have high rates among African Americans. Describe the effects of these diseases. Explore some possible solutions in light of rising unemployment, reduced access to care, and inequalities in treatment options. Be specific using your own words. The essay must have no less than 300 words. It must be typed in 12-point font size, with 1-inch margins. Use either Times New Roman or Arial font. **Submit essay electronically to: [scholarship@tacomalinksinc.org](mailto:scholarship@tacomalinksinc.org).**
- Provide a 3x5 or 4x6 facial photograph of you with no one else included, e.g. – a school picture.
- **Photograph must be received by e-mail or postal mail by February 29, 2012.** Be sure your name is written in pencil on the back of the picture if it is mailed. Photograph sent electronically is preferred.
- The scholarship committee may require additional information and/or may request a personal interview.
- Scholarship awards must be used for the 2012-2013 school year.
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## General Tips

### *The Application*

- When you access the online application, read the directions and requirements carefully.
- If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Williams, scholarship committee at (253) 405-5201.
- Complete the application using either Times New Roman or Arial font, size 12.
- Proofread your application thoroughly and ask at least two people to review your essay.
- Check your completed application for stray marks and errors.
- Scholarship recipients will be asked to submit to the scholarship coordinator an official, sealed notification from their college/university Bursar's Office confirming they are enrolled and attending the institution before the award is issued.

## *Recommendation Forms*

- Request recommendation forms from people with whom you are well acquainted.
- Notify your recommendation authors of your deadline and collect them in time to send electronically with your packet. E-mail your complete application and all materials to [scholarship@tacomalinksinc.org](mailto:scholarship@tacomalinksinc.org) no later than **February 29, 2012**.
- Provide the recommender a copy of your résumé and other documentation of your strengths.
- Let them know the kind of information you would like included on the form.
- Contact your people if you do not receive their forms at a particular time.
- Remember to send “thank-you” notes.



## Financial Data

1. Annual Family Income \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Dependents (including you) \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of Siblings in College \_\_\_\_\_

2. Have you applied for financial aid? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ If yes, list the amount of financial aid received \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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. Vocational Institution Attending \_\_\_\_\_  
Major field of study \_\_\_\_\_

4. Indicate if you are attending community college, continuing your education, or a graduate student, and the name of institution. \_\_\_\_\_  
Major \_\_\_\_\_ Minor \_\_\_\_\_

5. List academic and other special awards or honors received.  
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\_\_\_\_\_

6. List extracurricular activities and community/church involvement.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

7. List leadership positions held.  
\_\_\_\_\_

8. Applications for college admission have been submitted to:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Essay

Write an essay responding to the following: **“Identify four chronic diseases that have high rates among African Americans. Describe the effects of these diseases. Explore some possible solutions in light of rising unemployment, reduced access to care, and inequalities in treatment options.** Be specific, using your own words. The essay must have no less than 300 words. It must be typed in 12-point font size, with 1-inch margins. Use either Times New Roman or Arial font.

## Pledge

I pledge that all information given in this packet is accurate. Should any portion be found inaccurate, I realize that I may be disqualified.

I agree that the Scholarship Committee may use my photograph to showcase the winners in a program booklet or in a video presentation during the awards presentation, or other marketing purposes. It is important that we have signatures and not typed names on this pledge.

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Recommendation Form

**This section is to be completed by applicant.**

List the names, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses of three people who will complete your recommendation forms.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

Three recommendation forms must be completed; however, letters of recommendation may also be included in addition to the recommendation forms.

**Recommendation Forms must be included with your online application by February 29, 2012.**

**Please use the checklist (included) to ensure your application has been completed appropriately.**