



Linked in Friendship, Connected in Service

Link to Success

Scholarship Announcement and Application, 2015

The Links, Incorporated San Jose (CA) Chapter

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Step 1: Determine if you are eligible

To be eligible for the scholarship, you must:

- 1) Be African American
- 2) Have a grade point average between 2.0 –3.0
- 3) Have financial need (only low-income candidates will be considered)
- 4) Reside in Santa Clara County.

The application with one completed reference form + reference must be **postmarked by May 1, 2015** at the address listed in this application Award recipients will be notified by June, 2015.

Deadline:

Applications are due May 1, 2015 (postmark)

Step 2: Complete the application

All documents must be submitted by the deadline. Applications that are, complete or incomplete and, received (postmark) after the due date **will not** be considered for the scholarship. It is essential that you include a photograph no larger than 3 x 5 inches in color or black and white with your completed application.

Step 3: Obtain references

Please submit one reference (from persons not related to you) with your completed application. Applications received without a reference **will not** be considered for this cycle.

Step 4: Submit your application and current photograph to:

Link to Success

c/o Mrs. Malaika Young

3462 Woodyend Ct.

San Jose, CA 95121

Selection process:

Selection will be based upon compliance with basic eligibility requirements set forth by the Links Incorporated, San Jose (CA) Chapter selection committee. A letter of invitation will be sent to attend a scheduled scholarship interview. All recipients are required to attend the interview. The public announcement of the scholarship recipient(s) will be in November 2015 at our Authors Luncheon Fundraiser.

Fund distribution:

Upon verification of selection by the Executive Board of the San Jose Chapter, recipients will be notified by letter, and funding for the scholarship amount will be issued to the recipient upon receipt of proof of enrollment. **The scholarship recipient will be awarded \$1,250.00 per semester** contingent upon enrollment, continued matriculation, and academic performance based on maintaining a 2.0 or "C average or better, towards an undergraduate degree.

PART I—PERSONAL DATA INFORMATION

Name _____
 Last /Family First /Given Middle

Permanent Mailing Address: (Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

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 (Home Phone) (Cell Phone)

Email Address Birth Date mm/dd/yyyy

High School Name and City _____

College Plans: _____
 College Name Major

School Activities (you may attach additional documentation)

Using the space provided list school, club or sport activities that you have participated in during the past four years. Please list the activities in order of their interest to you.

School activity	# of Years	Position held	Achievements /Awards

Community Activities (you may attach additional documentation)

Using the space provided, list community and religious activities that you have participated in during the past four years. Please list the activities in order of their interest to you.

Activity	# of Years	Position Held	Achievements/Awards

PART II: REFERENCES

Using the reference form, please submit one reference (from persons not related to you) with your completed application packet. Applications received without a reference will not be considered. A completed application must have the reference attached in order to be eligible for the scholarship.

Recommendation Form

Applicant Instructions: One recommendation is required unless otherwise stated. Please duplicate form.

Please give the recommendation form to a school employee (teacher, coach, administrator) at your attending school or a community member: a supervisor, community leader, pastor, family friend, coach (non-school affiliated), etc. It is your responsibility to include the form with your application packet.

PART I – To Be Completed By The Person Completing Recommendation

The student is applying for a Scholarship. Your assistance is requested in providing information which the selection committee will use to assist in determining the applicant's qualifications.

- When completed, attach and return the completed recommendation and form to the applicant. The recommendation form must be returned to the applicant so that they may include it with their completed application packet. *Please review the reference form and indicate the point on the continuum that best describes the characteristics of the applicant and return to the student by the deadline date.*
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Name of Reference _____ Title _____

Nature of acquaintance with applicant (e.g., Teacher, supervisor, pastor, community leader)

How long have you known the applicant? _____

Telephone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Signature of Reference Date _____

PART III—INCOME VERIFICATION

Link To Success Scholarship: Income Verification Form

Father’s place of employment _____ **Job Title** _____

Length of Employment _____ If less than five years, previous place of employment & job title

Gross monthly Income \$ _____

Mother’s place of employment _____ **Job Title** _____

Length of Employment: _____ If less than five years, previous place of employment & Job Title

Gross monthly Income \$ _____

Other sources of income (not from employment):

Source _____

Gross monthly income \$ _____

Source _____

Gross monthly income \$ _____

Gross Income is the total amount of revenue before taxes or other deductions.

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Number of Household Occupants: _____

This number includes the participant, parents, other children and stepchildren. Include all legal family members living in the household who are **dependent** on the income recorded for the household.

Attestation of Responsibility:

I understand and agree that I will provide a copy of my proof of income if requested.

Parent/Guardian Signature Required

Date

PART IV—PERSONAL STATEMENT APPLICATION

Using another sheet of paper, please tell us in 1000 words or less your career goals and how your education and/or skills training support those goals and why you are deserving of this scholarship.

PART V—AGREEMENT

- I certify that all information provided in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I will notify the Links Incorporated, San Jose (CA) Chapter of any changes or modifications to this application.

I agree that Links Incorporated San Jose (CA) Chapter may use such photographs of me and written text with or without my name and for any lawful purpose, including for example such purposes as publicity, illustration, advertising, and web content.

I have read and understand the above:

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date** _____

Printed name _____

Signature, parent or guardian (if under age 18) _____

Attach Photograph Here

Submitted to:
Link to Success
c/oMrs. Malaika Young
3462 Woodyend Ct.
San Jose, CA 95121
Email: malaika54@yahoo.com

The Links Incorporated, San Jose (CA) Chapter
Link to Success Scholarship Program

Final Check List



Dear Applicant:

As you complete your application for the Scholarship Program, be sure that you complete the following:

1. Appropriate postage for mailing to the scholarship selection committee is important and you might wish to check with your local post office.
2. Be sure that you mail your application information by the deadline of May 1, 2015 and your packet is postmarked by the United States Post Office.
3. Did you complete all sections of the application?
4. Did you include the reference form and reference?
5. Did you complete your personal statement on a separate sheet of paper in no more than 1,000 words or less indicating your career goals and why you are worthy for this scholarship?
6. Did you attach the Income Verification Form?
7. Did you sign Part V-The Agreement? Did you sign your application?
8. Did you complete all of the Personal Information in ink?

Questions? Contact us at malaiika54@yahoo.com (408) 225-5232