



Mayor

WELLS-ARMSTRONG



AFRICAN AMERICAN CIVIC LEADERS' SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATION INFORMATION

INTRODUCTION

Mayor Wells-Armstrong, in partnership with the Kankakee Public Library and Community Foundation, is hosting the 2020 African American Civic Leaders' Scholarship event at the Kankakee Public Library, 201 E. Merchant Street in Kankakee. Scholarships are awarded to help graduating high school seniors and full-time students under the age of 21 who are residents of the City of Kankakee. Mayor Wells-Armstrong awards scholarships based on positive leadership and character exhibited in school and community activities. The event planning committee selects the scholarship recipients.

EDUCATION AWARD AMOUNT

The amount of the African American Civic Leaders' Scholarship is \$2000 per student.

ELIGIBILITY

- Any applicant who is a 2020 graduating senior at any of the three high schools in the city limits of Kankakee - Kankakee High School, Bishop McNamara Catholic Academy, or Kankakee Trinity Academy.
- Any full-time student under the age of 21 who is a City of Kankakee resident.
- Applicants must have maintained a minimum of 2.5 cumulative grade point average (based on 4.0) through their last semester of high school or a cumulative of 2.5 for students continuing college education.
- Proof of enrollment in an educational program is required for release of the scholarship after an award is announced.
- Applicant must be of African American descent.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Scholarship award recipients are selected based on the following:

- Positive leadership and character exhibited in both academic and extra-curricular school activities;
- Positive leadership and character exhibited in community and/or service activities;
- The positive impact the applicant has had on others;
- An interview of the applicants by the scholarship committee;
- All finalists must interview before the scholarship committee

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APPLICATION INFORMATION CONTINUED

DEADLINE

Applications are currently available. All applications will be due by Friday, February 28, 2020 to the school's guidance counselor. The 2020 African American Civic Leaders' Scholarship committee will select the recipients of the scholarships and notify them no later than March 27. Recipients are invited to attend the 2020 African American Civic Leaders' Scholarship event at the Kankakee Public Library to receive the scholarship. The date of this event will be Thursday, April 16 - more information will follow.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES

Applicants must submit a typed application form, consisting of the following:

1. Cover sheet/Student Information;
2. Academic Information/Post-High School Education Plans;
3. School and Extracurricular Activities;
4. Community Service and/or Church Involvement; including a one page double-spaced essay.

Please note that the applicant's name should appear only on the Cover Sheet/Student Information page. Student identification numbers will be assigned to each applicant by the educational gift selection committee to ensure the recipients are selected entirely on their merits.

APPLICATION AVAILABILITY

Applications are available online at <https://citykankakee-il.gov/> under the "Forms" tab and guidance counselor offices of Kankakee High School, Bishop McNamara Catholic High School, and Kankakee Trinity Academy. The format of the application may not be altered.

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COVER PAGE & STUDENT IDENTIFICATION:

Date: _____

Student's Name: _____
First, Middle, Last

Date of birth: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail address: _____

Parent/Guardians: _____

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ACADEMIC INFORMATION:

Class rank: _____

Percentile: _____

Grade point average: _____

ACT composite score: _____

SAT composite score: _____

NOTE: Remember to furnish an official high school or college transcript to verify a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 (based on 4.0) or better. Please furnish copy of G.E.D. if applicable.

Post-High Educational Plans

Name of school student plans to attend or is attending:

COLLEGE

TRADE/VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

OTHER:

Expected Field of Study:

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L E A D E R S H I P E S S A Y :

Part 2: On a separate sheet of paper, please submit a typed double-spaced essay of 1,000 words addressing the following questions: How have you made a difference in your community? As an African American student what, if any barriers do you foresee as you navigate college? How do you plan to serve others in your career? How do you plan to give back to the City of Kankakee?

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A P P L I C A N T ' S S I G N A T U R E :

By signing I agree to the following:

- I certify that all of the statements made in this application for the 2020 African American Civic Leaders' Scholarship are true and correct and that my responses are my own.
- I also acknowledge that all application materials submitted become the property of the 2020 African American Civic Leaders' Scholarship and will not be returned.
- Additionally, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, I hereby grant the 2020 African American Civic Leaders' Scholarship the right to use my name, likeness, picture, voice or biographical information in promotional materials, newsletters or other promotional, informational or communication materials.
- I hereby authorize the 2020 African American Civic Leaders' Scholarship to release my name, likeness, picture, voice or biographical information as recipient of the educational gift and waive any potential objection I may have to the release of my name, likeness, picture, voice or biographical information as a recipient of the educational gift.

Agreed and accepted this _____ day of _____, 20_.

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Address: _____

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