



Greater Washington
Urban League

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**Greater Washington Urban League
Community Resources Division
2017 Scholarship Program**

Application and Instructions:

- **LINK Strategic Partners
Scholarship and Internship**
- **Safeway Scholarships**
- **Yancey Eights Scholarship**
- **SIMS Foundation Scholarship**

**Greater Washington Urban League
Special Services Division
2017 GWUL SCHOLARSHIPS**

LINK Strategic Partners Scholarship – One scholarship and one paid internship will be awarded to the winner of essay contest who completed all of the scholarship and internship application requirements. The essay topic is:

How do you define community? How do you make your community the best it can be?

Safeway Scholarship – Six scholarships will be awarded to the winners of the essay contest containing a four-point action plan addressing the topic below, who have also provided all of the required supporting materials. The essay topic is:

As Mayor or Governor, I would do the following to address “food deserts” in the community...

Charlotte Elizabeth Yancey Eights Scholarship – One scholarship will be awarded to the winner of the essay contest who provided all of the required supporting materials. The essay topic is:

What changes in the existing education structure would you make if any?

SIMS Foundation STEM Scholarship – One scholarship will be awarded to the winner of the essay contest who has also provided all of the required supporting materials. The essay topic is:

What can be done to increase the number of females in STEM education?

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS:

LINK Strategic Partners Scholarship – One \$1,500 scholarship and one paid internship (valued at \$2,500).

Safeway – Six \$2,500 scholarships available.

Charlotte Elizabeth Yancey Eights – One \$8,000 scholarship available.

SIMS Foundation STEM Scholarship – One \$1,000 scholarship available.

****AN APPLICATION AND ALL REQUIRED SUPPORTING MATERIALS MUST BE SUBMITTED FOR EACH SCHOLARSHIP FOR WHICH YOU APPLY. Applicants can only apply for two scholarships.****

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

In order to be eligible to receive a 2017 GWUL Scholarship, the following criteria must be completed:

- Student must be a graduating senior;
- Family income must be less than \$45,000 per year (verified);
- Must be a resident of the GWUL service area (District of Columbia, Prince George's County or Montgomery County, Maryland);
- Must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale
- Must have one letter of reference from school faculty member (counselor, teacher, etc.)
- Must have one letter of reference from a community service agency staff member
- Must have completed 90% of school community service requirement (verified)
- Must provide a high school transcript
- Must complete a 500-word essay

ELIGIBILITY CHECKLIST

- Yes No Graduating senior
- Yes No Family income of less than \$45,000 per year (must provide verification)
How much? \$_____
- Yes No Resides in the GWUL service area
- . % Grade Point Average (GPA) (minimum of 2.5 required)
- Community Service Hours completed (90% of required service)
- Reference Letter from school staff member (counselor, teacher, etc.)
- Reference letter from community service agency staff member
- High school transcript
- 500-word Essay on designated topic

Note: GPA and community service must be verified on the school transcript or by letter from the school principal or counselor on school letterhead.

Applicant's Name



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APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

In order for your application to be considered complete, it must include three (3) copies of all supporting documents or an e-mail containing all supporting documents. All required materials must be submitted in one packet / mailing. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Complete all sections of the application as instructed. You are responsible for making sure all application materials are postmarked no later than **February 10, 2017 at 4:30 pm.**

Please type your responses on the application form. **Please type your response to the essay question on a separate sheet.**

Be sure to write your name at the bottom of each page of the application.

Please sign your name on last page of packet.

Do not staple any portion of your application or additional sheets.

Please submit all materials to:

Audrey Epperson aepperson@gwul.org
Director
Office of Special Services
2901 14th Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20009

Due to the large number of applicants, we will not be able to consider applications that are postmarked after February 10, 2017 or e-mailed with a time/date stamp after February 10, 2016.. There will be **no exceptions** made. If you wish to contact us about the application process, you may do so by sending an e-mail to aepperson@gwul.org.

Every completed application we receive will be thoroughly evaluated by at least three members of the Scholarship Review Committee. Given the number of applications we receive each year, and our commitment to giving each application our utmost consideration, we ask that you be patient. You will be notified of your award status by **March 1, 2017. The Scholarship Recipient will be expected to attend the Annual Whitney Young Gala on March 10, 2017** to be recognized for their accomplishments.

Thank you for applying to the 2017 GWUL Scholarship.

Section II: EDUCATION

Name of High School: _____

Address of School: _____

School Contact/Counselor: _____

Contact #: _____

Cumulative High School GPA: .

Please Use a 4.0 scale

Have you taken standard tests? Yes No

If yes, which test? SAT ACT

What was your accumulative SAT score? _____

What was your accumulative ACT score? _____

Please List the colleges/universities to which you have applied. If you have received admission, please * this institution.

Name	Location (City, State)
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	

Applicant's Name

Section III: COMMUNITY SERVICE

Please list at least three community service projects or programs that you have done over the past three years.

Total # of Community Service Hours: _____

Name of Community Service Activity/Program	Short Description	Hours of Service
1.		
2.		
3.		

Section IV: FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Please provide the following documents. All information received will be kept confidential and will be used only for the purpose of determining income eligibility (provide three of the following):

- a) Parent/guardian's most recent Federal Income Tax returns (**REQUIRED**)
 - b) Social Security Income Statement
 - c) TANF income statement
- OR**
- d) Completed FAFSA or Financial Aid Application from a college/university to which you are applying.

Applicant's Name

Section V: LETTERS OF REFERENCE
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Please provide **two letters of recommendation**. One of those letters must come from a school faculty member (counselor, teacher, principal, etc.) and one from anyone who had/has oversight or a supervisory role in your community service agency activities.

Parents/guardians may not submit a letter on their child's behalf.

In the spaces below, please indicate from whom we may expect to receive letters of recommendation.

Name	Affiliation/Organization
1. (Faculty)	
2. (Comm. Service)	

Applicant's Name

Section: VI: Essay

Essay has to be written on the designated subject.

The essay should be no longer than 500 words, which should be double spaced and typed in 12-point font. Font type should be Times New Roman and Normal Margins (1 inch top/bottom and 1 inch left/right). Your essay will be evaluated for clarity of expression, use of proper grammar, and punctuation.

Applicant's Name

Signed:

Name

Date

Received at GWUL:

Date: _____

Staff: _____