

**Bradenton/Sarasota (FL) Chapter of
The Links, Incorporated**

Scholarship Program



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The Higher Education Scholarship
Recognizing Outstanding Academic Performance
and Community Contributions

by

Manatee/Sarasota County Students

The purpose of the **Bradenton/Sarasota (FL) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated Scholarship Program** is to provide scholarship monies for full-time minority students pursuing undergraduate degrees at accredited colleges or universities in the United States. Each applicant will be evaluated based on the application information provided, and recipients will be selected by the scholarship committee.

1. Applicant must be an African American graduating senior planning to attend an accredited Post-Secondary Institution for the 2018-2019 school year.
2. Applicant must have a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale or a 4.0 cumulative GPA on a 5.0 scale.
3. Must have demonstrated leadership abilities through participation in community service, extracurricular, or other activities.
4. Applicant must reside in Manatee or Sarasota Counties.
5. Applicant must be a United States citizen.

Transcript: *An official transcript must accompany the application.*

Provide: Small Wallet-Sized Photo

Essay: The essay gives us an opportunity to become acquainted with you in ways different from grades, test scores, and other objective data. It allows you to show your ability to organize your thoughts and to express yourself. The essay should be a minimum of 300-500 words and **typed**. Please address one of the following questions:

- a) If you could change two things in your community or the world, what would you change and why?
- b) How have your high school experiences prepared you for college and why should you be considered for scholarship support?

References: Two letters of reference are required. One must come from a teacher, and one must come from a church member, community member, or an employer. **References from relatives will not be considered.** Letters of reference should address the following:

- * Character, Personality, Motivation, Initiative, Sense of Responsibility, & Citizenship

Personal Data

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Email Address: _____ Gender: Male Female

Current Residence: _____

City _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Home Phone: _____ Alternate Phone: _____

Racial Background: (Please Check One) Black/African American Asian Caucasian Hispanic

Native American Two or more Races Other

Educational Data

High School: _____

School Address: _____

Grade Point Average: Weighted: _____ Unweighted: _____

SAT Scores: _____
 Verbal Date Math Date

ACT Scores: _____ Major: _____
 Date Taken

Counselor's Name: _____ Counselor's Phone: _____

College or University Which You Plan to Attend: _____

Address: _____

Fluent Language(s) Primary _____ Secondary _____

Student Activity Information

Directions: Please complete each section. DO NOT BE MODEST. All information can be used by the Scholarship Committee during the selection process.

Extra-Curricular Activity	Description	Leadership Position Held	Length of Service

Community Activities

Directions: List community activities in which you have participated. (Church groups, volunteer organizations, clubs, community art endeavors, etc.) These should be activities outside of school in which you engaged for the improvement of your community.

Community Service Activity	Description	Length of Service

Work Experience

Place of Employment	Description of Responsibilities	Dates

Recognition & Awards

Directions: List any honors and recognitions that you have received (Grades 9-12).

Awards/Recognition	Grade(s)

Release Authorization: I certify that the information in this application is true, complete, and accurate. I understand that any inaccurate information of a substantial nature provided as part of this application will result in disqualification. I, hereby voluntarily grant my high school permission to confirm and/or verify information to The Links, Incorporated and/or their agent for the purpose of the scholarship selection.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Application and requested documents must be **postmarked** by: **March 15, 2019**

Mail Applications and Letters of Reference to:

**Bradenton/Sarasota (FL) Chapter of
The Links, Incorporated
Attention Scholarship Committee
P. O. Box 50941
Sarasota, FL 34232-0307**