



## The Erie County Chapter (NY) of The Links, Incorporated

### Scholarship Program Guidelines

- 1) The Erie County (NY) Chapter of the Links Incorporated scholarships are available to; students of African descent, full-time first year students entering college or university (two or four year) in 2025 after graduating from high school in 2025.
- 2) The deadline for the application to be received is **March 31, 2025.**  
***(NO EXCEPTIONS)***
- 3) Refer to the application process below for a list of the supporting documents needed. (i.e., reference forms, evidence of GPA, and so forth). Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- 4) If any question does not apply to you, please put N/A in the space provided.
- 5) Type or legibly print all information. Illegible applications will be returned to you.
- 6) You will be notified by May 31, 2025 of your award.

**PURPOSE:** The Erie County (NY) Chapter of The Links awards scholarship money to deserving students. The mission of the scholarship program is to provide financial assistance to individuals who are enrolled in a college/university undergraduate studies program. It is only available to first year undergraduate students.

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:** Assistance is based on financial need, academic performance, leadership potential, and participation in community programs, including but not limited to volunteer hours.

**SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA:** The Erie County (NY) Chapter of The Links awards scholarships on the basis of a comprehensive selection process. Areas that are reviewed by the committee include, but are not limited to; academic accomplishments, community service, references, personal essay and financial need. The Erie County (NY) Chapter of The Links scholarships are awarded to those students of African descent. The student will be graduating from high school in 2025 and planning to attend as a first-year student in a college or university (two or four year) in 2025.

**SCHOLARSHIP AWARD:** The Erie County (NY) Chapter of The Links will notify the student if selected for a scholarship award in the Spring of 2025. Scholarship funds will be distributed after the student provides confirmation of attendance in college in 2025.



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### Scholarship Application For High School Student of African Descent

(Please note that all information must be **TYPED or PRINTED CLEARLY**. Illegible applications will be returned to you. The application must be returned no later than with a Postmark date of **March 31, 2025**).

#### Part 1: Application Information (To be completed by the student)

Applicant's Name (First) \_\_\_\_\_ (MI) \_\_\_\_\_ (Last) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) or Guardian(s) Name \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Are you the first person in your immediate family to attend college? \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Children in Family \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate how many members of your family are presently enrolled in college \_\_\_\_\_

High School from which you will graduate \_\_\_\_\_

College, you plan to attend (Name of the school and address) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 2-year school \_\_\_\_\_ 4-year school \_\_\_\_\_

Have you applied for Admission \_\_\_\_\_? Date of Admission \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Acceptance \_\_\_\_\_ Field in which you will enroll \_\_\_\_\_

Please list Honors received in High School (scholastic and/or others) \_\_\_\_\_

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High School extracurricular activities/class offices \_\_\_\_\_

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Involvement in Community Service Projects \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you applied for or received any other scholarships? (if yes) please list the sources \_\_\_\_\_

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Please indicate where you obtained this Scholarship Award Application: \_\_\_\_\_

**Part 2: Brief Essay (To be completed by the student and attached to this application)**

A typed essay of not less than 150 words and not more than 250 words on the topic: "My Goals in Life And How I Expect a College Education to Help Me Attain These Goals."

\*Please include your name and address on the essay.

**Part 3: References**

Attach to this application; two (2) written references ; (A reference from a teacher and one personal reference)

**Student Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Part 4: Academic Report** (*To be completed by the School Counselor or other School Official*)

**Transcript-** Please Include a transcript in a sealed envelope of the applicant's academic record

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ GPA \_\_\_\_\_

Counselor/School Official's Name \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

1. Does the applicant have any extraordinary talents (scholastic or otherwise)? If so, describe. \_\_

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2. Does the applicant demonstrate any special qualities of leadership among his or her peers?

Please state specific examples. \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Explain why you believe the applicant to be worthy of consideration for scholarship assistance.

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline Date: *Application must be postmarked by March 31, 2025***

Send the completed application and all of the requested attachments to:

Deborah Y. Williams, Scholarship Chair

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Amherst, New York 14228

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