

THE LINKS, INCORPORATED

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San Bernardino Valley Chapter

The Links, Incorporated

January 31, 2020

Dear High School College Counselor/Church Official:

We are writing to request your participation in the Annual Links' Scholarship Awards. This is an opportunity for students attending your school/church to receive funds to offset the financial expenses incurred while attending college.

The Links, Incorporated is an international, non-profit corporation representing 16,000 professional women of color in 288 chapters located in 41 states, the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of Bahamas. It is one of the nation's oldest and largest volunteer service organizations of women who are committed to enriching, sustaining and ensuring the culture and economic survival of African-Americans and other persons of African-American ancestry.

The San Bernardino Valley Chapter of The Links, Incorporated, over the last 40 years, has awarded more than \$500,000 in scholarships to over 300 deserving students in San Bernardino and Riverside Counties of African-American ancestry who have chosen to pursue and complete a college education.

An application and selection criteria are included with this letter. The awards will be presented Saturday, **May 9, 2020** during the Links' Scholarship Breakfast, which will be held at the Double Tree Hotel in Ontario, CA.

We appreciate this opportunity that allows us to assist deserving students of African-American ancestry attain their educational and professional goals. All completed application packets should be received by Friday, March 6, 2020 by mail to P.O. Box 7700, San Bernardino, California 92411 or e-mail to drjoycelyn@gmail.com and karen.s.eneas@gmail.com

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you in advance for your support and participation.

Sincerely,

Dr. Joycelyn Jones, Scholarship Committee Chair

Karen S. Eneas, Esq., Scholarship Committee Co-Chair

Name and Statement of Purpose

The name of this award shall be “The Annual Links Scholarship Award”, and it shall be administered by the San Bernardino Valley Chapter of The Links, Inc.

The purpose of the award shall be to enable and assist students who best meet our eligibility requirements, in attaining a higher education and achieving their career goals.

Eligibility

This award will be presented to an African-American resident of San Bernardino or Riverside Counties, who meets the following requirements:

1. High school senior enrolled in a public, private or parochial school.
2. Minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale.
3. Acceptance to an accredited four year College or University.
4. Demonstrated exceptional leadership through community service and/or involvement in extracurricular activities.
5. Completed application, must be received by Friday, March 6, 2020 either by mail to P.O. Box 7700, San Bernardino, California 92411 or e-mail as an attachment to drjoycelyn@gmail.com and karen.s.eneas@gmail.com

Two letters of recommendation are require and letters cannot come from a relative or peer.

- a. One by a school official or teacher at the school of attendance.
 - b. Church official or Community Leader who can attest to your personal character attributes.
6. Typed, double-spaced essay of at least 300 words but not to exceed (2) two pages.
 7. FAFSA Confirmation page with EFC attached.

Criteria for Selection

Only completed applications, received via mail or e-mail by Friday, **March 6, 2020 deadline** shall be considered. Applications will be scored on the basis of academic performance, written essay, financial need and community service.

**San Bernardino Valley Chapter
The Links, Incorporated
Scholarship Application**

Student Profile

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
Street Address or P.O. Box	City	Zip Code
Home Phone Number	Cell Phone Number	E-mail Address
Parent/Guardian	Occupation	
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Academic Profile

School Currently Attending: _____

Class Rank: _____ Class Size: _____ Cumulative GPA: _____ on a _____ Point Scale

Extracurricular Activities: _____

Community Service Activities: _____

Test Scores

	Reading	Math	Verbal	Total	Last Test Date
SAT	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
ACT	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Financial Profile

Number of dependent children in the family (include yourself): _____

Please describe your financial need: _____

College Information

College or University Applied
(List 1st, 2nd, 3rd choice)

Have you been accepted?

- 1. _____ Yes _____ No _____
- 2. _____ Yes _____ No _____
- 3. _____ Yes _____ No _____

Proposed Major _____

Essay

Former Lady Michelle Obama once said, “Success isn’t about how much money you make, it’s about the difference you make in people’s lives.” Please share an example of a difference you’ve made that led to a positive outcome in your school, home or community. Your essay should be typed, double-spaced, at least 300 words and not to exceed two pages. Please include the essay with your application.

Scholarship Packet Checklist

- _____ Completed Scholarship Application
- _____ Current Official Transcripts
- _____ SAT/ACT Scores
- _____ Letter(s) of Acceptance from College or University
- _____ (1) Letter of Recommendation from School Official
- _____ (1) Letter of Recommendation from Church Official or Community Leader who can attest to your personal character and attributes
- _____ Photograph (head shot – Graduation Photo preferred)
- _____ Essay
- _____ FAFSA Confirmation page with EFC

Name of High School College Counselor (print)

Signature of High School College Counselor

The information provided on this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge and subject to verification by San Bernardino Valley Chapter of The Links, Incorporated, Scholarship Committee. If I receive an award from this organization, I understand that additional information may be required upon completion of the current academic year. I will receive the scholarship upon proof of enrollment in a college or university.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

This application packet must be completed and received by Friday, March 6, 2020. All applications must have an essay and photograph to be considered complete. If selected for consideration, a mandatory workshop will be conducted on Saturday, March 21, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. (location:TBD)