



AKArama Foundation, Inc.

Scholarship Application

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY U.S. MAIL

Postmarked on or before
February 21, 2020

MAIL COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:

**Mrs. Jaidah R. Wilson-Turnbow, Scholarship Chairman
Veletta Bell, President
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QUESTIONS: Contact Mrs. Jaidah R. Wilson-Turnbow

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APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

A complete application packet should contain **ALL** of the following:

1. **Completed** application form.
2. One **letter of recommendation** from a teacher or counselor, unless otherwise indicated
3. An official high school **transcript** that includes credit for seven semesters of grades; the transcript must have an official seal and signature. An official **SAT and/or ACT** report. **NOTE TO COUNSELOR:** Please place these items in an envelope, seal it and write your signature across the sealed flap.
4. One **current photograph**; a headshot is preferred, with your name printed on the back of the picture.
5. A typed, double-spaced quality **essay** of 400-500 words. Use Arial font size 12 and please proofread. Respond to the following essay prompt.
6. Include a copy of your FAFSA documentation

Describe how a non-academic experience affected you and how you can use what you learned to help others.

7. If you are a **Ward of the State**, please provide proof of your status. Documents that are acceptable are verification from the Department of Human Services, Court Decree or Death Certificate.
8. Failure to adhere to the aforementioned criteria will result in points deducted from the total score.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be considered for any of the AKArama Foundation, Incorporated Scholarship, a student must meet the following criteria:

1. **Be** a high school **senior graduating no later than June of 2020**
2. **Have** a minimum **cumulative grade point average of 3.0, unless applying for Virginia Scott Brown or Patricia Jones Scholarships which requires a minimum of 2.0 GPA.**
3. **Have** an **ACT composite score of 18 or better OR a SAT composite score of 860 or better**
4. **Must** attend a **high school** within the **CHICAGO CITY LIMITS.**
5. **Have verification of acceptance** to an accredited four-year college or university

SELECTION CRITERIA

Students will be selected for the scholarship based on the following:

1. Content submitted on the **application form**
2. The quality of the essay and scholastic achievement as verified by the ACT or SAT score and cumulative grade point average as verified by an official transcript.
3. One **letter of recommendation** from a high school teacher or counselor, unless otherwise indicated
4. Results of an **interview** with the scholarship committee. Semi-finalists will be notified by email of the interview date, time and place.

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TYPES OF SCHOLARSHIPS

AKArama Foundation, Incorporated awards several types of scholarships. **ALL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS APPLY.** However, there may be additional requirements. Please check the box for each of the scholarship(s) for which you would like to be considered by checking one or more of the boxes below. **Please submit one complete packet.**

Historically Black College or University Scholarship

Distribution of this award is based on acceptance at a Historically Black College or university as a full-time student.

Mary G. Brock Arts Scholarship

This scholarship will be awarded to a student majoring in performing or non-performing art.

Financial Need Scholarship - To be considered for this scholarship, in addition to meeting all eligibility requirements, student will fill out the financial information section

Academic Achievement Scholarship

Distribution of this award is based on high scholastic achievement

Peggy Duke Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to a student who will attend **Tennessee State University** or **Fisk University**.

Virginia Scott Brown Scholarship (For Students Majoring in Education)

This scholarship will be awarded to an African American female who will obtain a degree in **education** and attend a historically black college or university. The following requirements also apply:

1. **Have a minimum grade point average of "C"** (GPA of 2.00-2.99)
2. **Provide two (2) letters of recommendation** from a high school teacher(s) and/or counselor
3. **Demonstrate financial need** (Minimum family income ranging from \$12,360-\$35,000) (Must fill out financial information to be considered for this scholarship.)

Ruth Montrose Academic Achievement Scholarship

Distribution of this award is based on high scholastic achievement

Jacqueline B. Vaughn Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to a student who expresses an interest or desire to seek a college degree in the field of Education.

Patricia A. Jones Scholarship

This scholarship will be awarded to a student with a "C" average who is majoring in either social work or education.

Ruth B. Coleman Scholarship

The scholarship is awarded to a student in financial need or high scholastic achievement
For financial need applicants will complete the financial information.

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APPLICATION FORM

Personal Information (Please Print)

Name _____
First
Middle
Last

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone Number _____ Cell Phone _____

E-Mail Address _____

Name of Parent (s) or Guardian (s) _____

Email _____ Parent's Cell Phone Number _____

Academic Information High School _____

How will the Scholarship be used and why do you deserve the scholarship? _____

| List the Names of the college or university you hope to attend | Have you applied (Yes/No) | Accepted (Yes/No) |
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PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

Responses listed in numbers 1, 2, and 3 must be verified by a counselor or teacher. All verification signatures and contact telephone numbers **MUST BE** on this application.

1. Extra-Curricular Activities in which I participate:

| List the school extra-curricular activities in which you have been involved | Signature of Verifier | Verifier Phone Number/Email |
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2. Activities:

| List community activities and organizations in which you participate, including leadership positions. | Signature of Verifier | Verifier Phone Number/Email |
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3. Honors and Awards:

| List honors received as evidence of high school scholastic achievement and/or athletic ability | Signature of verifier | Verifier Telephone Number |
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SCHOLARSHIP AGREEMENT I certify that the information I have provided on this form is complete and accurate. I authorize the AKArama Foundation, Incorporated to use the information supplied here solely to assess my eligibility for a scholarship. Family members of the AKArama Foundation Inc. are not eligible for scholarship awards.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Please complete this information ONLY IF you are applying for the FINANCIAL NEED SCHOLARSHIP. List the amount of financial support you expect to receive.

- A. Family _____
- B. Financial aid including loans (Federal and State) _____
- C. Other scholarships _____
- D. Savings _____
- E. Employment earnings _____
- TOTAL AMOUNT OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT (Total the amounts in A through E)** _____

Estimate the following costs for your first year in college:

- F. Tuition, fees books, supplies _____
- G. Room and board _____
- H. Transportation _____
- I. Other (explain) _____
- TOTAL COST OF FIRST YEAR OF COLLEGE (Total the amounts in F through I)** _____

AMOUNT NEEDED TO COVER EXPENSES

(Total financial support minus total cost of first year)
