



The Giving Circle Scholarship Application

The Giving Circle Scholarship Fund 2019 Instructions:

1. Deadline for scholarship application is **June 24, 2019**.
2. Refer to the application process below for a list of the supporting documents needed. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
3. Type or print legibly. Illegible applications will not be considered.
4. You will be notified by phone or email upon receipt of your application and decision regarding the scholarship award.
5. If you have questions, contact the scholarship director, organization representative or TheGivingCircleScholarship@gmail.com.

Please submit typed or physical applications to your scholarship counselor or organization representative.

Counselor/Representative Name: _____

School/Organization: _____

Counselor/Representative Email address: _____

1. OVERVIEW

Purpose

The Giving Circle Scholarship Fund was founded to assist an African American student from the Chicagoland area in obtaining their undergraduate degree by providing them with financial assistance and supporting their collegiate development.

Financial Assistance

An award made on behalf of the Giving Circle Scholarship Fund is based on academic performance, leadership potential, level of perseverance, and community involvement. Scholarships are awarded by semester, provided funds are available. Funds from the Giving Circle Scholarship Fund should be used for education-related expenses such as tuition and course material.

Scholarship Awards

The Giving Circle Scholarship Fund awards scholarships through a comprehensive process. Areas that are reviewed by the committee include Academic Accomplishments, Community Service, References, Short Essay Prompts and Financial Need. The Giving Circle Scholarship Fund pays funds directly to educational institutions. Scholarships are awarded by semester, considering the recipient is compliant. Scholarships awarded are based upon the availability of funds and qualifying criteria.

Criteria

Applicants must be completing high school with a minimum unweighted GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

Applicants must be accepted as a full-time student at a college or university for the upcoming academic semester. The college or university will receive the funds directly on behalf of the awarded student.

Preference will be given to first-generation students and those with a great financial need.

Applicants must complete and submit a Scholarship Application by June 24th.

Timeline

- June 24th: Applications are due.
- June 25th: Candidates may be asked for an interview by the Scholarship Committee.
- July 1st: Applicants are notified if awarded a scholarship.
- July 31st: Award recipient must officially accept the Scholarship.

Application Process

Scholarship applicants must provide the below documentation by June 24th:

1. Completed Application (incomplete applications will not be considered)
2. Official High School Transcript
3. Administrator Form
4. One Letter of Academic Reference
5. One Letter of Personal Reference
6. Official Acceptance Letter from a College or University

Scholarship Disbursement Process

Awarded student must complete verification form which grants access to the Giving Circle Scholarship Fund to academic and financial aid records, along with verifying enrollment and enrollment status.

Award amounts will be distributed after each semester once all compliance is confirmed. The first disbursement of the award will be given on August 15th, or once verification has been received and reflects the information by the guidelines of the Scholarship.

2. APPLICATION

General Information

Name _____ Age _____

Mailing Address _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Name of Legal Guardian(s): _____

Phone number(s): _____ (Home) _____ (Cell)

Email address: _____

School: _____

List your Grade Point Average (GPA): _____

Extracurricular Activities

List any school activities you have participated in or honors/awards you have received from high school career: (If necessary attach separate sheet)

List any community activities you have participated in during your high school career:

Short Essay

In 500-800 words, please answer each question in a separate document. The essay should be typed, and saved in either .doc and .docx format. The saved essay must be submitted along

with the completed application, to scholarship director, organization representative, or TheGivingCircleScholarship@gmail.com.

1. Explain how completing your undergraduate degree can help benefit others.
2. What life events and future aspirations are motivating you to attend college?
3. Write about a time when you were placed in a challenging situation in your life.
What made the situation difficult to manage? How did you overcome the challenge?

The Giving Circle Scholarship Application Checklist

- ☐ Completed application form
- ☐ Official high school transcript
- ☐ Administrator Form
- ☐ One letter of academic reference
- ☐ One letter of personal reference
- ☐ Official acceptance letter from a college or university

The deadline for this application to be received by the Giving Circle Scholarship Fund is **June 24, 2019.**

High School Administrator:

Please complete the following section for the applicant student who is a candidate for the Urban Pioneer Scholarship and provide an official copy of student's transcripts. Student will submit to scholarship director, organization representative, or TheGivingCircleScholarship@gmail.com

The student applicant:

- ___ Receives free or reduced lunch (signature from a high school official required if checked)
- ___ Does not receive free or reduced lunch

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____