

Research Triangle Park (RTP) Black Diversity Network Group Scholarship Application

Background:

The mission of the RTP Black Diversity Network Group is to embrace and support its members to achieve their aspirations, by reaching out, reaching back, and propelling each other forward. When building up a community we understand none of us is as strong as all of us. This scholarship has been established to support graduating African American high school students in the Wake, Durham, and Orange Counties of the Research Triangle Park area in North Carolina in pursuing their educational aspirations and desire to make a positive contribution to their communities.

Scholarship Criteria:

- **Parent or Guardian of applicant can NOT be an IBM employee**
- Must be African American
- Must be a resident of Wake, Durham, or Orange Counties in North Carolina
- Must be a graduating high school senior
- Must have a weighted G.P.A of 2.75 or above
- Must be involved in community service
- Must be planning to attend an accredited two or four-year College or University
- Scholarship recipients must submit a photo (digital preferred) after award notification has been received

Please write the LAST 4 DIGITS of your Social Security Number: XXX-XX- ____ _

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I. General Information

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

Middle Initial: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Contact Phone: (_____) _____

E-mail Address: _____

Are you African-American? _____

Are you a resident of Wake, Durham, or Orange County? _____

Is your parent or guardian an IBM employee? _____

IF YES, please stop. Do not continue with this application. This scholarship is NOT available if your parent or guardian is an IBM employee.

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II. Educational Information

High School (Currently Attending): _____

High School GPA: _____

Please provide a copy of your most recent official transcript.

College or University (2 or 4 year accredited college or university you plan to attend in Fall): _____

Have you applied for admission to the above college or university? _____

If yes, have you been accepted: _____

Intended major / area of study: _____

Type of degree you are/will be pursuing: _____

Associate degree in _____

Bachelor degree in _____

III. Personal Information

Please list any community service activities, extracurricular activities and/or work experience:

Please list any awards/honors you have received:

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IV. Financial Information

ATTACH A ONE PAGE, DOUBLE-SPACED, TYPED, STATEMENT OF YOUR FINANCIAL NEED FOR THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR TO THIS PAGE. Please show anticipated monies received versus anticipated expenses. Anticipated monies would be any scholarships, grants, loans, wages or assistance from parents and /or relatives.

V. Essay

Please provide an essay that addresses 3 of the 4 following questions:

- Why is a good education important in society today?
- How will you use the education that you receive?
- How will you take what you have learned and contribute back to your community to help future generations?
- How have your extra-curricular activities made a difference in your community?

The essay should be typed, double-spaced and between 500-800 words.

VI. References

Applicants must submit two letters of recommendation. One from a high school teacher and one from a person who has known the applicant for two or more years, and who is not a relative or member of the applicant's family. Suggested references would be employers, counselors or ministers.

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VII. Scholarship Agreement

- I give my permission for the release of academic, financial, and/or other necessary information requested by the scholarship/award selection committee.
- I certify that the information throughout this application is accurate (and in compliance with the criteria stated on the scholarship criteria), and that any misrepresentation of any facts or details will result in my ineligibility for any and all portions of the scholarship award.
- I hereby agree to the terms specified in the scholarship criteria upon accepting the scholarship award. However, should my status change whereby I no longer meet the criteria, I understand that the scholarship will be revoked.
- **I agree to provide a statement or letter of acceptance from an accredited college or university by July 16, 2010. Failure to enroll in an accredited college or university will result in the withdrawal of the award and the student will be obligated to repay any monies received.**
- The scholarship award monies will be sent and applied to the student account of the recipient at the accredited college or university in which s/he enrolls.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Checklist

Make sure the following items are completed and included in your application packet.

- I. General Information
- II. Educational Information
- III. Personal Information
- IV. Financial Information
- V. Essay
- VI. Letters of Recommendation
- VII. Transcript

Deadlines

- 1. SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE: Postmarked by May 21st, 2010.**
- 2. STATEMENT / LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE FROM AN ACCREDITED COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY DEADLINE: Postmarked by July 16th, 2010.**

Contact Information

Please mail all items to the address listed below:

**RTP Black Diversity Network Group Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 12887
Durham, NC 27709-2887**

If you have any questions please send an e-mail to: rtp_bdnng_scholarship@yahoo.com