

SANKOFA FOUNDATION ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The Sankofa Foundation promotes educational advancement. The purpose of the Annual Sankofa Foundation Scholarship Award is to provide financial support to students who will graduate from a junior college, or 2-year institution, and attend a 4-year accredited college or university.

ELIGIBILITY

- Students who have successfully obtained a degree from a junior college, or 2-year institution with a minimum cumulative GPA equivalent of a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
(Official transcript must be included with application.)
- Students who have been accepted into a degree program at an accredited 4-year college, or university.
(Acceptance letter required before scholarship is released.)
- Students who have demonstrated active involvement in their campus and local communities.
(Reference letters from organization representative(s).)

Applicants will not be judged based on age, sex, race, religion or gender.

JUDGING PROCESS

- Applications will be available July 15, 2008. Completed applications—with supporting material—must be returned September 5, 2008.
- Applications will be reviewed and judged by the Sankofa Foundation Scholarship Committee. Judging will be completed by September 30, 2008. All applications will be ranked and the top finalists will be awarded the scholarship(s).
NOTE: Relatives of scholarship judges are not eligible.
- All applicants will receive notice of the decision of the judges by September 30, 2008.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- Each finalist will receive an award of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) pending verification of acceptance into the 4-year college or university. This documentation must be provided to the Foundation within two weeks of receipt of the award notice. Once acceptance is confirmed, the award will be sent to the finalist in two installments (for a January transfer: January 1st - \$500 and September 1st - \$500 (provided that a letter from the dean showing student is still in good standing is received by foundation by September 1st); for a September transfer: September 1st - \$500; January 15th - \$500 (provided that a letter from the dean showing student is still in good standing is received by foundation by January 1st).
- If a finalist is not able to provide the necessary documentation, the next candidate on the ranked list will have the opportunity to receive the award by providing the necessary documentation.
- This scholarship can be applied to tuition, fees, and/or books.
- This scholarship is non-renewable.

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PLEASE HANDWRITE OR TYPE APPLICATION. ESSAYS MUST BE TYPED.

GENERAL

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

BIRTHDATE: _____ GENDER: _____ MALE _____ FEMALE _____

UNIQUE ID NUMBER TO BE USED ON ALL ATTACHMENTS (ASSIGNED BY SFI): _____

ACADEMIC

CURRENT SCHOOL: _____ GPA: _____ out of _____

INTENDED GRADUATION DATE: _____

INTENDED COLLEGE: _____

INTENDED MAJOR: _____

COMMUNITY/ CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

PLEASE DESCRIBE CIVIC/COMMUNITY ACTIVITY, LEADERSHIP POSITION AND LENGTH OF INVOLVEMENT. IF ADDITIONAL SPACE IS NEEDED, PLEASE USE AN ADDITIONAL SHEET OF PAPER.

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)
- 4)

ESSAY

IN 500 WORDS OR LESS, PLEASE STATE HOW THIS SCHOLARSHIP MAY AID IN FURTHERING YOUR FUTURE GOALS, INCLUDE HOW THIS SCHOLARSHIP WILL HELP CONTRIBUTE TO THE COST OF YOUR EDUCATION, IF APPLICABLE. ESSAY SHOULD BE TYPED AND SUBMITTED WITH THIS APPLICATION.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING WITH YOUR APPLICATION:

- ✓ OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT WITH SCHOOL SEAL
- ✓ THREE (3) REFERENCE LETTERS – ONE FROM TEACHER, ONE FROM COMMUNITY LEADER, CHURCH OR OTHER RELIGIOUS LEADER (NO FAMILY MEMBERS) SUBMITTED ALONG WITH APPLICATION (ENVELOPE FLAP SIGNED BY REFERENCE)
- ✓ FOR ALL ATTACHMENTS, PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR UNIQUE ID NUMBER THAT YOU SUPPLIED ON THIS APPLICATION

Please submit all applications and the above materials by **SEPTEMBER 5, 2008**

sankofachicago@sbcglobal.net (all attachments must be either pdf or tif)