



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION AND GUIDELINES

The American Association of Blacks in Energy is a professional organization of African Americans in the energy industry. Through its Scholarship Program, AABE seeks to help increase the number of African Americans, Hispanics and Native Americans (underrepresented minorities) in energy related fields. By doing so, we help our nation address a critical need and a challenge to our future economic vitality in the world market.

Eligibility

- Candidates for an AABE scholarship must meet the following eligibility criteria:
- Have, minimally, an overall "B" academic average and a "B" average in mathematics and science courses (3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale).
 - Be a graduating high school senior who has applied to one or more accredited colleges/universities.
 - Plan to major in business, engineering, technology, mathematics or physical science fields.
 - Demonstrate financial need.
 - Be a member of one of the underrepresented minority groups (African American, Hispanic or Native American) in the sciences and related areas of technology.

Selection

Scholarship recipients - known as AABE Scholars - are determined each spring by the organization's local chapter scholarship committee for local scholarships and by the National Scholarship Committee for national scholarships. Recipients receive notification of their selection.

Awards

The [redacted] Chapter of AABE will award [redacted]. The top winner's application is forwarded to compete for a [redacted] Regional Award of \$3,000 (The [redacted] Region is one of six AABE Regions). Additionally, a Premier Award of \$5,000 is given annually to the candidate who is judged to demonstrate the most outstanding achievement and promise. **National Awards are made to the students upon presentation of proof of enrollment at an accredited college or university. Distribution of local chapter awards are made at the discretion of the local chapter upon proof of enrollment at an accredited college or university.**

The Application Package

Consideration will be given only to candidates submitting complete application packages which include: (1) a completed AABE application form (copies are acceptable); (2) a high school transcript; (3) official proof of ACT or SAT scores; (4) two letters of reference; (5) parent(s)/guardian(s) please provide **one** of the following official verifications of income: copy of a signed **Previous Year's** tax return **or** a **verified** FAFSA form; and (6) a completed checklist. Please redact Social Security Numbers from any documents.

Complete application packages **MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN March 11, 2011** and submitted to the local AABE chapter listed below. Applications returned to the AABE national office or the National Scholarship Committee are in violation of procedures and will not be considered for scholarship support.

Mail Application to: American Association of Blacks in Energy – MI Chapter
Attn: Sheila Patterson
One Energy Plaza 7-253
Jackson, MI 49201

In lieu of mailing, complete application packages may also be scanned and emailed (by the due date) to the following email address: sapatterson@cmsenergy.com.

NOTE: Files larger than 2.5 MB may need to be zipped or reduced to ensure delivery.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____ Phone (____) _____
Last First M.I.

Address _____
Street City State Zip

Email address _____

Cell Phone (____) _____ Date of Birth _____ Sex: M__ F__

Parent(s)/Guardian

Father _____

Name _____ Occupation _____
Address _____ Home Phone _____

Employer _____ Phone _____

Employer's Address _____

Mother _____

Name _____ Occupation _____
Address _____ Home Phone _____

Employer _____ Phone _____

Employer's Address _____

Guardian _____

Name _____ Occupation _____
Address _____ Home Phone _____

Employer _____ Phone _____

Employer's Address _____

Guardian's Relationship to Applicant _____

Email address of parent or guardian _____

No. of Siblings under age 25 _____

Family Income: \$ _____ per year (attach copy of signed **Previous Year's** tax return **or**

verified FAFSA).

College(s) to which you have applied _____

Where accepted? _____ Intended major _____

Expected date of enrollment _____

Total score for ACT _____ or SAT _____ Date you took examination _____

Critical Reading score _____ Math score _____ Writing score _____

Overall academic grade average _____ **on a 4.0 scale.**

Name of high school presently attending:

Address _____

Expected date of graduation _____

Principal's name _____

Extracurricular Activities in Which You Are Presently Active:

1. School Activities _____

2. Community Activities _____

3. Offices Held and Honors Received _____

On a separate sheet, in 350 words or less (typed, doubled-spaced), please write a concise essay addressing (1) why you should receive an AABE scholarship (2) **how your professional career objectives relate to the energy field** and (3) any additional information which may assist the selection committee.

Please give the names, addresses and telephone numbers of two references, other than members of your family:

Name _____ Name _____

Address _____ Address _____

Telephone (____) _____ Telephone (____) _____

Relationship to Applicant _____ Relationship to Applicant _____

I hereby state that the information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Signature

Date



**American Association of Blacks in Energy
Scholarship Application Checklist**

The following is a list of qualifications and items that **MUST** be submitted in order for a scholarship application to be considered. Every candidate must be able to check each line.

As a candidate for the AABE scholarship program, I affirm the following:

- I have an academic average of "B" or better (3.0 on a 4.0 scale).
- I am a graduating high school senior who intends to enroll next semester in an accredited college or university.
- I will major in business, engineering, technology, mathematics or physical science fields.
- I am one of the underrepresented minorities (African American, Hispanic or Native American) in the sciences and related area of technology.
- I have submitted a completed AABE application form (copies are acceptable).
- I have attached ALL (Parent(s) or guardian) official verification of income (copy of signed **previous year's** tax return; 1098; 1099; or public assistance income verification from **previous year**).
- I have attached an official current high school transcript.
- I have composed the requested essay and it has been proofread for typing errors, grammar, structure, organization, content and clarity.
- I have attached a copy of the official record of my ACT and/or SAT scores.
- I have identified the number of dependent siblings and/or dependent children living in my home along with the ages of those siblings or children.
- I have attached two (2) letters of reference.
- I have additional sheets, as needed, to list all of my school and community extracurricular activities.
- My name appears on ALL attachments.

Your signature below signifies you have checked each line above and therefore affirm each statement. After signing, attach this form to the front of your application. Applications will not be reviewed without the checklist attached. Any omissions or misrepresentations of the truth will be grounds for disqualification.

Student's Name (PRINT) Date

School Counselor's Name (PRINT) Date

Student's Signature Date

School Counselor's Signature Date

Email _____

Phone _____