



Parent and Student Handbook

Scholarship Program

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FLORIDA CHAPTER

2018 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Purpose

The American Association of Blacks in Energy (AABE) 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 six (6) eligibility criteria:

1. The student must have an *unweighted* academic average of "B" or better (minimum 3.0 on a 4.0 scale).
2. Be a graduating high school senior who has applied to one or more accredited colleges/universities. (For Florida Chapter scholarships only, preference will be given to students who plan to attend an accredited college or university in Florida.)
3. Plan to major in business, one of the physical sciences, technology, engineering or mathematics fields in preparation for a career in the energy sector.
Example majors include but are not limited to the following academic disciplines:
 - *business* - business administration, accounting, finance
 - *physical sciences* - physics, chemistry, biology (energy-related/non-medical fields only), astronomy
 - *technology* - computer science
 - *engineering* - mechanical, electrical, computer, chemical, nuclear, environmental, civil, agricultural/biological, industrial, materials science
 - *mathematics* - applied mathematics, all branches of mathematics
4. Be a member of one of a class or group of individuals who has been historically underrepresented in the sciences, technology, engineering and math related disciplines. (African American, Hispanic or Native American)
5. If applying for the Florida Chapter need-based scholarship, exhibits financial need and meets all other eligibility criteria. (Financial need is not a consideration for other Florida Chapter, regional, and national awards.)
6. If applying for any Florida Chapter scholarship, is a Florida resident or resides in an area where the Florida Chapter is the nearest AABE chapter.

Applications received from those who do not meet the eligibility criteria above will not be considered. Candidates may not apply for scholarships with more than one local chapter.

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 and regional scholarships. Recipients of a Florida Chapter scholarship will receive notification of their selection by mail and telephone. National and regional winners will be notified through methods determined by the National Office.

Awards

The Florida Chapter of AABE will award multiple scholarships to graduating high school seniors. Florida Chapter award amounts are usually \$1,000 to \$2,500 but may vary from year to year. Select local chapter applications are forwarded to compete for a Southeast Regional Award of \$3,000. (The Southeast Region is one of six AABE Regions). Additionally, a Rufus D. Gladney Premier Award of \$5,000 is given annually for a maximum of four years to the candidate who is judged to demonstrate the most outstanding achievement and promise. This is a national award. National and regional awards are distributed to the students upon presentation of proof of enrollment at an accredited college or university. Distribution of local chapter awards is done by 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 with essay; (2) an official high school transcript; (3) official proof of ACT or SAT scores (printout from College Board account showing your name is acceptable); (4) two signed letters of reference; (5) if applying for the Florida Chapter's need-based scholarship, proof of parents' /guardians' income (copy of signed 2017 tax return - 1st page and signature page only or a verified FAFSA form showing income information); and (6) a completed checklist. **Please redact Social Security Numbers from all documents.**

Complete application packages (as described above) **MUST BE SUBMITTED SCANNED/EMAILED, OR POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN March 15, 2018** and submitted to the AABE Florida Chapter. Applications returned to the AABE national office or the National Scholarship Committee is in violation of procedures and will not be considered for scholarship support. **SUBMIT THE APPLICATION (PAGES 5-9) AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS ONLY.**

NOTE: If emailing, files larger than 25 MB may need to be zipped or reduced to ensure delivery. Please select **one** of the methods below to apply.

Method 1 – Email application: aabeflscholar@gmail.com

Method 2 – Mail application: Derick Farfan
Attn: AABE Florida Chapter Scholarship Committee
4121 St. Lawrence Dr.
New Port Richey, FL 34653

Please remember that in applying and if accepting a scholarship, you have agreed on the application to the below statements in the Certification Signature Section.

- ✓ I certify that the information provided on the application and all supporting documentation submitted at any time is true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if I give information that is not true or if I withhold information and my student(s) receive a scholarship for which they are not eligible, the scholarship will be denied or revoked.
- ✓ I have an unweighted GPA of "B" or better without rounding (i.e., minimum 3.0 on a 4.0 scale).
- ✓ I am a graduating high school senior who intends to enroll within 6 months of graduation at an accredited college or university.
- ✓ I will major in business, one of the physical sciences, technology, engineering or mathematics fields as described in the guidelines on page 1.
- ✓ I am one of the underrepresented minorities (African American, Hispanic or Native American) in STEM fields. [may be marked N/A]
- ✓ I have submitted a complete AABE application package as described the guidelines on page 1 and understand that my application will not be considered if any of the required documentation is not included or is incomplete. (NOTE: Please secure all documentation without using staples.)
- ✓ I have enclosed an official current high school transcript or requested an official transcript to be mailed and postmarked or emailed by the due date. The transcript includes my unweighted GPA or I have provided official proof of my unweighted GPA. The transcript is/will be signed and sealed or otherwise denoted as official in accordance with my school district's practice.
- ✓ I have composed the requested essay and it has been proofread for typing errors, grammar, structure, organization, content and clarity.
- ✓ I have enclosed an official record of my ACT or SAT superscore: printout from my ACT Web or College Board account showing my name, or, original or copy of my ACT or SAT score report.
- ✓ I have attached two (2) signed letters of reference.
- ✓ I have enclosed additional sheets, as needed, to list all of my school and community extracurricular activities.
- ✓ If applying for the Florida Chapter need-based scholarship, I have provided proof of parents' /guardians' income: copy of signed 2017 tax return (1st page and signature page only) or a verified FAFSA form showing income information. [may be marked N/A]
- ✓ My name appears on all pages of the application form and enclosures.
- ✓ I have attached a current photo of myself.**
**Photographs of students are not required, but are used when winners are announced.

Renewing Scholarship Eligibility

The Rufus D. Gladney National Scholarship is renewable for up to four years. In order to receive the next installment, all three (3) of the following requirements must be met:

1. The student must maintain an academic average of 3.0 or better.
2. The student must have completed a minimum of 2 semesters prior to requesting the next installment.
3. The student's major must be in business or one of the physical sciences, technology, engineering or mathematics fields.

Scholarship Awarding Procedure and Payments

National Awards are made to the students upon presentation of proof of enrollment at an accredited college or university at the discretion of the National Office. 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 check will be made payable in the student's name.

Loss of Renewable Scholarship

The Rufus D. Gladney Scholarship will not be renewed if any of the following circumstances occur:

1. Student does not complete two (2) concurrent semesters.
2. Student withdraws from school.
3. Student changes majors to a field of study that is not recognized by AABE.
4. Student does not maintain a 3.0 grade average.

Change of Contact Information

If there is a change of address, telephone, cell phone or E-mail address, the student must immediately notify the Association at scholarship@aabe.org.

**RETAIN PAGES 1-5 FOR YOUR RECORDS.
SUBMIT THE APPLICATION (PAGES 6-9) AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS ONLY.**

AABE Florida – 2018 Scholarship Application

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

Address _____
Street City State Zip

Email address _____

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

Ethnicity: African-American ____ Native-American ____ Hispanic ____ Other _____

Parent(s)/Guardian

Father _____
Name

Address _____ Home Phone _____

Mother _____
Name

Address _____ Home Phone _____

OR

Guardian _____
Name

Address _____ Home Phone _____

Guardian's Relationship to Applicant _____

Email address of Parent or Guardian _____

College(s) to which you have applied _____

Where accepted? _____

Intended major _____ Expected date of enrollment _____

Total score for ACT _____ Date(s) of Examination _____

OR

SAT superscore _____ Examination date(s) _____

Critical Reading score _____ Math score _____ Writing score _____

Overall academic **unweighted GPA** _____ **on a 4.0 scale**

AABE Florida – 2018 Scholarship Application

Name of high school presently attending:

Address _____

Expected date of graduation _____

Counselor's Name _____ Telephone (____) _____

Extracurricular Activities in Which You Are Presently Active:
(use separate sheet to list all, as needed)

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 type a concise essay addressing all of the following topics:

(1) When did you discover your interest in the field of energy and what sparked your interest?

(2) Answer one of the following questions: (a) *What excites you about this field and how do you plan to make your personal contribution to the energy field? OR* (b) *How do you expect your education to prepare you to fully participate and contribute to the field of energy?*

(3) Provide any additional information which may assist the selection committee in its evaluation of your application.

Please include your full name on each page of the essay.

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 _____

Certification. 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

Photo Release and Consent Form

I hereby consent to the use of my photographic image and/or name by the American Association of Blacks in Energy (AABE®) in any printed form or on any website or social media application of the Association. I further agree that the Association is free to select any photographs without consultation with me.

I understand that I am donating the photograph and that there will be no payment or compensation for the photograph or its use. In giving my consent, I agree that I shall not bring or file any complaints, claims, or causes of action of any kind against, and release, the American Association of Blacks in Energy for any matter in connection with the use of my photograph or name.

Print Full Legal Name: _____

Legal Signature: _____

Parent's/Guardian's Signature *: _____

Date: _____

**Parent/Guardian Signature is required if subject is a minor.*



American Association of Blacks in Energy - Florida Chapter

2018 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, except where noted.

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

- I have an unweighted GPA of "B" or better without rounding (i.e., minimum 3.0 on a 4.0 scale).
- I am a graduating high school senior who intends to enroll within 6 months of graduation at an accredited college or university.
- I will major in business, one of the physical sciences, technology, engineering or mathematics fields as described in the guidelines on page 1.
- I am one of the underrepresented minorities (African American, Hispanic or Native American) in STEM fields. [may be marked N/A]
- I have submitted a complete AABE application package as described the guidelines on page 1 and understand that my application will not be considered if any of the required documentation is not included or is incomplete. (NOTE: Please secure all documentation without using staples.)
- I have enclosed an official current high school transcript or requested an official transcript to be mailed and postmarked or emailed by the due date. The transcript includes my unweighted GPA or I have provided official proof of my unweighted GPA. The transcript is/will be signed and sealed or otherwise denoted as official in accordance with my school district's practice.
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- My name appears on all pages of the application form and enclosures.
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Your signature below signifies you have checked each line above and therefore affirmed each statement, except where N/A is allowed. Your application will not be reviewed if it is not complete and the checklist is not provided. Any omissions or misrepresentations of the truth will be grounds for disqualification.

Student's Name (PRINT) Date

Parent's/Guardian's Name (PRINT) Date

Student's Signature Date

Parent's/Guardian's Signature Date

Email _____

Parent's Email _____

Parent's Phone _____