



Parent and Student Handbook

2018 Scholarship Program

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Purpose

The American Association of Blacks in Energy is a professional association composed of African Americans in the energy industry. Through its Scholarship Program, the Association 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

To be eligible for a new scholarship, all four (4) of the following requirements must be met:

1. The student must have an unweighted academic average of “B” or better (3.0 on a 4.0 scale).
2. The student must be a graduating high school senior who intends to enroll the next semester following high school graduation in an accredited college or university.
3. The student must plan to major in business, one of the physical sciences, technology, engineering or mathematic fields in preparation for a career in the energy sector.
4. The student must be one of the historically underrepresented minorities in the sciences, technology, engineering and math related disciplines. (African American, Hispanic or Native American)

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 will receive notification of their selection.

Awards

Individual chapters of the American Association of Blacks in Energy have different awards and awarding amounts. The top candidates from each chapter are sent to compete for a \$3,000 Regional and a \$5,000 National Award. The “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. . The Chicago Metropolitan Chapter of AABE will award 5- \$1,500.00 Scholarships. The top winner’s application is forwarded to compete for a _Midwest Regional Award of \$3,000 (The _Midwest Region is one of six AABE Regions).

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) an official high school transcript; (3) a complete essay that has been proofread for typing error, grammar, structure, organization, content and clarity; (4) official proof of ACT or SAT scores; (5) two letters of reference; and (6) a completed checklist. Please include a picture of yourself to be used when winners are announced. Also, please redact Social Security Numbers from any documents.

Complete application packages ***MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN March 15, 2018*** and submitted to the local AABE chapter listed below. ***PLEASE DO NOT SEND APPLICATIONS TO THE NATIONAL OFFICE COMMITTEE AS THEY WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR SUPPORT.***

Please mail application to: American Association of Blacks in Energy
Attn: Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 5455
Naperville, IL 60567-5455

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

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

Please remember by applying and accepting a scholarship, you have agreed to the below statements by signing the application form in the certification 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 academic average of “B” or better (3.0 on a 4.0 scale).
- ✓ I am graduating high school senior who intends to enroll next semester in a n accredited college or university.
- ✓ I will major in business, one of the physical sciences, technology, engineering or mathematic fields.
- ✓ I am one of the underrepresented minorities (African Americans, Hispanic or Native Americans) in the sciences and related areas of technology.
- ✓ I have submitted a completed AABE application form (copies are acceptable).
- ✓ I have attached an official current high school transcript. (Note: Please provide proof of the unweighted GPA to be included in transcripts)
- ✓ 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 attached two (2) letters of reference.

- ✓ I have additional sheets, as needed, to list all my school and community extracurricular activities.
- ✓ My name appears on ALL attachments.

Renewing Scholarship Eligibility

The Rufus D. Gladney National Scholarship is renewable for up to four years. 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 the business or one of the physical sciences, technology, engineering or mathematic 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 occurs:

1. Student does not complete two (2) concurrent semesters.
2. Student withdraws from school.
3. Student changes majors to an uncovered field of study.
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 by email at: scholarship@aaabce.org.

AABE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____ 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 _____ or SAT _____ Date of examination _____

Critical Reading score _____ Math score _____ Writing score _____

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

Name of high school presently attending:

Address _____

Expected date of graduation _____

Counselors Name _____ Telephone (____) _____

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), provide a concise essay addressing:

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

(2) Choose 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) Please comment on any additional information which may assist the selection committee. Please include your full name on each page of the essay.

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

Name: _____

Address: _____ Telephone: _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____ Telephone: _____

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/Guardian Signature *: _____

Date: _____

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

