



# 2019 Pennsylvania Legislative Black Caucus Scholarship Program Materials

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# PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Pennsylvania Legislative Black Caucus (PLBC) has established a scholarship program to assist graduating high school students and current college students of color who plan to further their education through their matriculation at an accredited college/university. The purpose of this scholarship is to assist students with their financial obligation and to foster a relationship between students, their families and our membership. Scholarships are offered each year for full-time study at an accredited two- or four-year college or university of the student's choice. Awards will be granted without regard to creed, religion, sexual orientation, gender, disability or national origin.

## ELIGIBILITY

Applicants to the PLBC Scholarship Program must:

- Be a person of color
- Be a resident of Pennsylvania
- Be a graduating high school senior or current college/university student
- Have maintained a minimum grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale
- Plan to enroll or be enrolled in full-time undergraduate study at an accredited two- or four-year college or university for the entire upcoming academic year.

*\*Full-time undergraduate study is defined as enrollment at a college or university with at least 12 credits per semester for a two-semester academic year.*

Recipients **must** also be able to attend the scholarship award mock check presentation at date, time, and location that has yet to be determined (Additional details will be forthcoming).

- Additional considerations will include:
  - Academic achievement
  - Extracurricular activities
  - Community service
  - Employment history
  - 500- word essay on the subject of what course of study that you intend to pursue and how you intend to utilize your degree(s) upon graduation and a 150-word essay on how your professional career of choice will support people of color.

## AWARDS

If selected as a recipient, the student will receive a \$1,000 award. Awards are one time only and not renewable. Awards **are for undergraduate study** only.

## APPLICATION

Interested students must complete the attached application and mail/email it accompanied with a current, official or approved unofficial transcript of grades, a resume, a color photograph (suitable for publication), two letters of recommendation/support (one of which must be from a faculty member of your former or present school), one 500-word essay and a short response question, your FASFA EFC information to the attention of The Pennsylvania Legislative Black Caucus, located at 327 Irvis Office Building, Harrisburg, PA 17120 or via email at [gchannel@pahouse.net](mailto:gchannel@pahouse.net), postmarked no later than May 10, 2019.

Only the first 250 applications will be processed. Grade reports are not acceptable. Transcripts must display student name, school name, grade and credit hours earned for each course, and term in which each course was taken. It is important to note that only the first 250 applicants will receive acknowledgement regarding receipt of their application.

Applicants are responsible for gathering and submitting all necessary information. Instructions for completing the Financial Data section of the application are included. Applications are evaluated based upon the information supplied. Therefore, we ask that you answer all questions as thoroughly as possible. **Incomplete applications will not be evaluated.** All information received is considered confidential and is reviewed only by the Pennsylvania Legislative Black Caucus' Scholarship Selection Committee and its direct staff complement.

## **SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS**

For the purpose of determining eligible recipients of PLBC Scholarship awards, a scholarship selection committee shall be convened that will be comprised of seven members (including the chairman) of the PLBC. Members of the scholarship committee shall be reflective of the diverse geographical areas which the PLBC's collective membership represents.

Scholarship recipients are selected on the basis of academic record, demonstrated leadership and participation in school, community activities, honors, work experience, statement of goals and aspirations, unusual personal or family circumstances, and an outside appraisal. An overall combination of "merit" and "need," as calculated by the PLBC's Scholarship Selection Committee, must be demonstrated in order for the applicant to be selected to receive an award.

At the end of May, our finalists will be notified via email. (It is important to emphasize that not all applicants will be selected as award recipients.)

## **PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Pennsylvania Legislative Black Caucus Foundation, Inc. processes scholarship payments on behalf of the PLBC. Payments are scheduled to be disbursed on Monday, August 13, 2018. Checks will be mailed directly to each scholarship awardee's home address.

## **OBLIGATIONS**

The names, essays, and photographic images of recipients may be made public. As such, it rests as the obligation of the recipient to expressly communicate their opposition to the publication of this content. The lack of such communication shall effectively serve as an indication of their voluntary consent. In addition, recipients are required to notify the PLBC of any changes in address, contact information, school enrollment, or other pertinent information.

## **REVISIONS**

The PLBC reserves the right to review the conditions and procedures of this scholarship program and to make changes at any time, including the termination of the program.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Questions regarding the scholarship program should be addressed to:

**The Pennsylvania Legislative Black Caucus Scholarship Program**

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