



American Association of Blacks in Energy®

Atlanta Chapter



2015 Scholarship Application & Guidelines

***AABE*® Atlanta Chapter
Scholarship Committee
P. O. Box 55216
Atlanta, GA 30308-5216**

Dear Student Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the AABE – Atlanta Chapter Scholarship. We are seeking students who plan to major in business and/or the STEM disciplines and whose educational pursuits will lead to a career in the energy industry.

We appreciate your interest and ask that you consider the following to ensure a successful process:

1. Please read the application carefully and provide all requested information.
2. The application must be received or postmarked by March 27, 2015.
3. Complete all sections of the application and provide documentation in the requested format (i.e. GPA un-weighted, Essay – double spaced, etc.).
4. An **email notification** will be sent no later than April 6, 2015 that the application has been received and is currently being reviewed. If you do not receive notification please contact us immediately. See contact name and email below.
5. You will be notified, **by email and by US Mail**, of the status of your application by April 30, 2015. If you do not receive notification please contact us immediately. See contact name and email below.
6. Successful candidates will be invited to attend an awards ceremony in May 2015.
7. Call or email if you have questions.

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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" unweighted academic average (3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale).
- Be a graduating high school senior (by May/June 2015) who has applied to one or more accredited colleges/universities.
- Plan to major in business, one of the physical sciences, technology, engineering or mathematics fields in preparation for a career in the energy sector.
- 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.

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 Atlanta Chapter scholarships will be awarded in varying amounts. The AABE Atlanta Chapter Scholarship Committee determines actual amounts. Distributions of local chapter awards are made at the discretion of the local chapter upon proof of enrollment at an accredited college or university.

The top winner's application is forwarded to compete for a Southeast Regional Award of \$3,000 (The Southeast Region is one of six AABE Regions). Additionally at the National level, a "Rufus D. Gladney" Premier Award of \$5,000 is given annually to the candidate who is judged to demonstrate the most outstanding achievement and promise. Regional and National awards are determined at their respective levels. **National and Regional Awards are made to the students upon presentation of 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) an official high school transcript; (3) official proof of ACT or SAT scores; (4) two letters of reference; and (5) a completed checklist. Please redact Social Security Numbers from any documents.

Complete application packages **MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN March 27, 2015** and submitted to the local AABE chapter listed below. 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.

Mail Application to: American Association of Blacks in Energy
Attn: Atlanta Chapter Scholarship Committee
P. O. Box 55216
Atlanta, GA 30308-5216

In lieu of mailing, complete application packages may also be scanned and emailed (by the due date) to the following email address: G2AABEATCHAP@southernco.com.

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

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

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

Address _____
Street City State Zip

Email address _____

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

Ethnicity (optional): 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 you took examination _____

Critical Reading score _____ Math score _____ Writing score _____

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

Name of high school presently attending:

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

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), please type 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 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 unweighted 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, one of the physical sciences, technology, engineering or mathematics 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 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 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

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

Student's Signature Date

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Signature Date

Email _____

Phone _____

AABE Atlanta Community Service Award Guidelines (ACSA)

Dear Student Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the Atlanta Chapter Scholarship. We are excited that you chose to apply. In 2011, the Atlanta Chapter established the **Richard L. Holmes Scholarship**, which is dedicated to a longtime supporter of the Atlanta Chapter and retired Senior Executive of Georgia Power Company. Mr. Holmes' tireless efforts in the community, throughout metro Atlanta, the State of Georgia and Southeast region are valued and greatly appreciated.

To be considered for the Richard L. Holmes Scholarship Award, students **must first apply and meet** the standard eligibility requirements listed in the Atlanta Chapter Scholarship Application and Guidelines shown on Page three of this package. ***In addition***, the student must demonstrate the following attributes:

- Student demonstrates an exceptional or proactive responsibility to give back to their community, and/or helping others -- beyond the minimal volunteer hours required as a prerequisite for high school graduation. Leadership in any area is a plus.

Examples of service include, but are not limited to the following:

- Mentoring or tutoring others
 - Volunteer work at hospitals or nursing homes, etc.
 - Community center or faith-based organization involvement
 - Environmental efforts
 - Established independent outreach/project and/or nonprofit organization
- Provide the following
 - Name/Address/Phone/Email address of organization(s)
 - Contact information of person at organization
 - Average number of hours dedicated per week; **include time period (month, year)**
 - Written letters from organizations a plus
 - A well written letter/document (***typed, double-spaced, 350 word minimum/500 word maximum***) describing community service activities and responsibilities; additionally, please address what/who influenced you to give back to the community and others, the value of serving the community and others, and your future plans/goals related to community service.

NOTE: The Richard L. Holmes Scholarship application and required documentation should be sent/included with your completed AABE-Atlanta Chapter Scholarship Application.

Student candidates selected for this scholarship will be interviewed by a panel of AABE members and supporters, and notified of their status by April 30, 2015.

Thanks for going the extra mile!!!

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

2015 Richard L. Holmes Community Service Scholarship Award Application

Name _____
Last First M.I.

Address _____
Street City State Zip

Phone # _____ Email Address _____

Organization Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____
Street City State
Zip

Organization Email _____

Organization Contact Name & Phone # _____

Student's Average hours/week of service _____

Time Period (Month and Year of service period) _____

Please attach essay (as described in the AABE ACSA guidelines)

FYI: Attach separate pages for multiple organizations if applicable.