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Dear Counselor/Educator:

Re: 2015-2016 AABE Scholarship Application

The mission of the American Association of Blacks in Energy (AABE) is to ensure the input of African Americans and other minorities into the discussions and developments of energy policies, regulations, research and development technologies, and environmental issues. As part of that mission, the Mississippi Chapter of AABE encourages students from underserved populations to pursue higher education in STEM-related disciplines by offering scholarships to support deserving and talented students. This annual scholarship initiative contributes to the development of a strong and diverse workforce in the energy sector where minorities have been historically underrepresented.

Attached is our 2015-2016 scholarship application which explains the program in detail. Applicants must meet all of the academic eligibility requirements to qualify; deadline for submitting an application is Friday, March 4, 2016. Please distribute this application package to any senior students interested in applying. If you have any questions, please contact Patricia Rucker at 601-969-2326 or Gayle Sims at 601-212-5990.

Sincerely,

Jimmie

Jimmie Coins
MS Chapter President



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 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 Mississippi Chapter of the AABE will award five scholarships. The top winner's application is forwarded to compete for a Southwest Regional Award of \$3,000 (The Southwest 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. **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) 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 4, 2016** 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: Scholarship Committee
Patricia Rucker
P. O. Box 986
Jackson, MS 39205

In lieu of mailing, complete application packages may also be scanned and emailed (by the due date) to the following email address: aabems1990@yahoo.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__

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:

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 _____