



KS/MO CHAPTER

2016 SCHOLARSHIP 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.

About William Grant Pinkard

The William Grant Pinkard Scholarship Fund was named after a member of the Kansas-Missouri Chapter of the American Association of Blacks in Energy (AABE) who best exemplified the organization's purpose and goals. William Grant Pinkard, was a dedicated and active member.

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, as described above; and
- Live in one of the following 15 Counties comprising the Kansas City metropolitan area: Jackson, Clay, Platte, Johnson, Buchanan, Cass, Lafayette, Boone in Missouri and Johnson, Wyandotte, Leavenworth, Douglas, Shawnee, Jefferson and Riley in Kansas.

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 Kansas-Missouri Chapter of AABE will award one scholarship of \$1,500 per semester payable to the student and the institution and dispersed in two payments of \$1,500 in August and January. Awards of \$1,000 per semester will be issued to community college students. The top winner's application is forwarded to compete for one of six National AABE Regional Awards of \$3,000 per year. Additionally, 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. 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. A William Grant

Pinkard Scholar may renew the scholarship for a second year provided documentation that all scholarship guidelines and criteria have been sustained.

Guidelines:

Applications must be submitted online to the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation. Consideration will be given only to candidates submitting complete application packages, which must include:

1. Completed application form **SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN MARCH 4, 2016**
2. Official high school transcript, including proof of unweighted GPA;
3. Official proof of ACT or SAT scores;
4. Essay
5. Two letters of reference;
6. Additional sheets, as needed, to list all extracurricular activities; and
7. Completed checklist.

Students who meet these requirements may apply on line at www.growyourgiving.org/aabe