



## *The Tri-Cities (WA) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated*



# 2021

# Scholarship Announcement

*The Tri-Cities (WA) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated* (a local not-for-profit women's service organization) is accepting applications for scholarships from students in the Tri-Cities and surrounding areas. The scholarships are targeted for local African American high school seniors or those of African descent pursuing higher education.

Application packets will be available at local high school counselors' offices **January 28, 2021**. Deadline for submission is **April 26, 2021**.

**For more information:**

Chaune' Fitzgerald, *Services to Youth Chair*  
509-308-0559

[TriCitieslinkswa@gmail.com](mailto:TriCitieslinkswa@gmail.com)

Maria McDonald McNamar, *President*



## **2021 SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION**

Thank you for wanting to learn about **The Tri-Cities Chapter of The Links annual scholarship application process**. *The Links, Incorporated* is a non-profit women's service organization founded in 1946. It is one of the oldest and largest volunteer service organizations of women who are committed to enriching, sustaining and ensuring the culture and economic survival of African Americans and other persons of African ancestry.

Since our chapter's founding in 1981, awarding scholarships to high school students pursuing higher education has been a continuing goal of the *Tri-Cities Chapter of the Links Inc.* We have contributed thousands of dollars in scholarships to deserving students throughout the Tri-Cities and surrounding areas. We have volunteered in public schools, and donated computers, clothes, food, school supplies to communities in need.

Each year we award scholarships based on a set of criteria described below.

- Essay (Content, spelling, grammar, presentation) – (40 pts)
- Official (Sealed) Transcript Required
- Grade Point Average – (30 pts)
- HS/ Community Service Awards & Honors – (20 pts)
- Extracurricular/ Community Activities – (10 pts)

Students interested in competing for one of our scholarships will need to submit their application by the deadline listed on the scholarship application. **For 2021, the deadline is April 26, 2021.**

The selection process is done the Chapter's scholarship committee. The names of the students are not revealed during the evaluation. The scholarship committee will give most weight to applicants' essays when selecting winners.

Applications will be available at the high school counselors' office in January. The winners will be determined in May. The number of scholarship awards is dependent on the amount of money raised at our annual spring fundraiser and the number of qualifying applicants.

For additional information, contact:

Chaune' Fitzgerald, *Service to Youth Chair*  
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# 2021 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN

Phone/Address \_\_\_\_\_

(Contact Information) \_\_\_\_\_

HIGH SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

INTENDED UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE \_\_\_\_\_

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GPA \_\_\_\_\_ /4.0

Verification by:

\_\_\_\_\_

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**HIGH SCHOOL/COMMUNITY AWARDS, HONORS, AND SERVICES** (20 pts. maximum)

(Use additional sheets if necessary)

**EXTRA-CURRICULAR/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES** (10 pts. maximum)

(Use additional sheets if necessary)



## 2021 SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY TOPICS

**Answer one of the two essay questions:**

What comes to mind when you think about “Diversity” and “Inclusion?” Why is it important to your success?

Explain how your experience volunteering and participating in community service has shaped your perspective on humanity.

*(500 -1000 Words)*

**Complete the attached Transcript Release Form and attach a copy of your high school Transcript.** *(30 points maximum)*

**ATTACH ESSAY TO SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION** *(40 pts. maximum)*

**ALL ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY: April 26, 2021.**

**MAIL TO: *Tri-Cities (WA) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated***  
*c/o Services to Youth Committee*  
P. O. Box 503  
Richland, WA 99352



## **TRANSCRIPT REQUEST FORM**

Please send an official copy of my high school transcript for my consideration for the **2021 Scholarship** of the *Tri-Cities (WA) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated*. The transcript should contain the official record of my high school grades through January 2020, and is due by **April 26, 2021**

Name (*Print or Type*)

Signature      Date Requested

**NOTE: Scholarship applications are incomplete without an official transcript.**

**MAIL TO:**

*Tri-Cities (WA) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated*  
c/o *Services to Youth Committee*  
P. O. Box 503  
Richland, WA 99352

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Chaune' Fitzgerald, *Service to Youth Chair*      509-308-0559      [Tricitieslinkswa@gmail.com](mailto:Tricitieslinkswa@gmail.com)

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Date transcript received by the *Service to Youth Chair*: \_\_\_\_\_



**Scholarship Request and Award Guidelines**

1. The scholarship will be given through the registrar or fiscal affairs office of recipient's college or university or given to the recipient directly once enrollment has been verified as stated below in Section 3.
  
2. The recipients must show valid proof (valid Student ID or payment receipt) that they are enrolled in a college or university, along with a copy of their acceptance letter.
  
3. After enrollment has been verified by the Services to Youth Chairperson, the Chapter President or other Chapter representative, funds may be awarded to the recipient.
  
4. Scholarship funds are to be used strictly for college support (i.e. tuition and fees, rooms and board, housing, registration, books, or school supplies/material).
  
5. The recipient has **1 year** from the date of high school graduation to request funds. After this time, the recipient forfeits their legal right to obtain any funds via the Tri-Cities Washington Chapter.
  
6. The recipient must sign the statement below and agree to abide by the requirements stated herein. **Please return this form with application.**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ ( \_\_\_\_\_ ), acknowledge that I have  
**Print Name** **SS#**

received a copy of these guidelines. I understand the funds disbursement requirements and agree to abide by them. I further acknowledge that as a *scholarship recipient*, I grant the Tri-Cities Chapter of The Links permission to take pictures of me and use the photos taken at the award ceremony for publication in print and/or electronically. I agree that Tri-Cities Links may use such photographs of me with or without my name and for any lawful purpose.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

College/University \_\_\_\_\_

College/University Address \_\_\_\_\_

College/University Registrar, Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

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Enrollment verified by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature, Title, Date