



2021 CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Oakland Bay Area Chapter of The Links, Incorporated, is a national volunteer service organization of concerned and committed women, primarily of African-American descent who work to enhance the quality of life in our larger communities. The organization strives to contribute to the formulation of a positive, productive and culturally diverse society, through our focuses on education, cultural enrichment, health and wellness, and civic involvement. We especially encourage students who self-identify as Black or African-American to apply.

The eligibility requirements are:

- High school senior, graduating in May/June 2021
- A minimum cumulative Weighted GPA of 3.4
- Show an active participation in school and community
- Show demonstrated leadership skills
- Provide a commitment to attend and graduate from a four-year college or university

Scholarship Application Instructions:

All scholarship applications are to be submitted online at oaklandbayarealinks.org no later than Wednesday, March 3, 2021, 12 pm PST.

Scholarship applications are considered complete when each of the following items has been submitted:

1. A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.4 is required for consideration. *We encourage you to apply early.*
2. All applications must be submitted online and include signature and date – do not mail.
3. **All mailed and emailed items must be postmarked or timestamped on or before 3/3/2021 to be considered.**
4. **Mail an official** high school transcript – *postmarked on or before 3/3/2021* to: 6114 LaSalle Ave, #739, Oakland, CA 94611-2802
5. Upload the most current unofficial high school transcript with your application
6. Two (2) teacher/school administration letters of reference – direct school staff to email the letter of reference to: oaklandbayarealinkscoe@gmail.com or you may download with the application. *All emails must have the student's first and last name and their high school in the subject field.*
7. Upload student picture – no black and white photos.
8. Once you have completed your application, email; oaklandbayarealinkscoe@gmail.com with your first and last name and school in the subject field to confirm your email address.
9. **All items must be submitted/postmarked on or before Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at 12pm PST to be considered complete.**
10. **All awardees must attend the Celebration of Excellence virtual event on Sunday, April 18, 2021.** If you cannot attend a family member **must** do so for you **or your award will be forfeited.**
11. Applications from relatives of The Links, Incorporated will not be considered.

Important Dates to Remember:

- Completed applications with all required documents must be submitted in their entirety on or before 12 pm on **Wednesday, March 3, 2021.**
- Celebration of Excellence Virtual Ceremony ~ **Sunday, April 18, 2021 at 3 pm.**

Direct inquiries to: oaklandbayarealinkscoe@gmail.com

Thank you for your interest and good luck!
The Celebration of Excellence Scholarship Committee
Oakland Bay Area Chapter of The Links, Incorporated

Student information

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Student Email Address: _____

Daytime Telephone Number: _____

Date of Birth: Month: _____ Day: _____ Year: _____

Country of Birth: _____

High School presently attending (including city): _____

Grade Point Average (GPA)*: _____ (on a 4.0 Scale) Anticipated graduation date: _____

** Proof of GPA will be required with an official school transcript*

First generation college student (please check one): Yes _____ or No _____.

College/University Information

Identify the school you plan to attend Fall 2021:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

If not sure, list your top three (3) school choices:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

What major do you plan to pursue? _____

Parent or Guardian information (required):

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Address (City/State/Zip): _____

Parent/Guardian phone: _____

Parent/Guardian email address: _____

Tell us about yourself using the following criteria:

- List your educational and professional goals and objectives

- List academic honors – include the year and/or years of participation.

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- List school memberships and offices held - include the year and/or year's participation.

- List community service – include the year and/or years of participation

- List athletic involvement and extracurricular activities – include the year and/or years of participation.

Upload the following items must be included with this application in order for the application to qualify to be reviewed by the scholarship committee, incomplete applications will not be considered.

- Student picture – no black and white photos
- Upload your most recent high school unofficial transcript with this application submission (*mail your official transcript - must be postmarked on or before 3/3/2021 to: 6114 LaSalle Ave, #739, Oakland, CA 94611-2802*).
- Letter of Recommendation (2 letters) – *this may also be emailed to: oaklandbayarealinkscoe@gmail.com*

Required - Signature of Scholarship application

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that my picture may be taken and used for any purpose deemed necessary to promote the scholarship program.

Signature of scholarship applicant: _____

Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Date: _____