

SEEDS

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SEEDS (Self-Empowerment Through Education, Entrepreneurship & Dreams) are a non profit (501(c)3) organization that was founded in 1997 by Dr. C. Diane Howell to engage in activities to enhance the educational and entrepreneurial achievements of urban communities. This goal is accomplished through the sponsorship of conferences, workshops, classes etc. designed to educate and inspire youth and adults.

SEEDS Scholarship Program:

SEEDS has been highly dedicated to promoting the growth and entrepreneurship of today's youth of the inner city. We offer scholarships in hopes that we will encourage their educational accomplishments. Scholarships are awarded from the proceeds of the Annual African American Excellence in Business Awards and Scholarship Gala. Awards are based on demonstrated entrepreneurial interests and/or commitment as well as commitment to our community. Each scholarship will be evaluated on it's own unique criteria to give youth of different circumstances a chance to succeed. Before being considered for the individual scholarship, all applicants must adhere to and/or provide the following:

- **Currently enrolled in High School and/or Junior College.**
- **Provide 1 Letter of recommendation, on official letterhead from a School Official, Community Organization, Church Representative, etc.**
- **Provide a seventh semester transcript with fall 2007 grades.**
- **Have a "C" or better grade point average.**
- **Write essay on topic selected below.**
- **Send a copy of College acceptance notice. If you are in Junior College, submit official verification from school.**
- **All documents must arrive in the same package to be considered complete and received by May 1, 2008.**
- **Incomplete applications will be disqualified.**

Scholarship presentations will be given at the **Black Expo 2008 Gala on Wednesday, July 16, 2008.** Checks will be mailed to during Fall 2008 semester, pending official school verification of enrollment. **Official verification of enrollment must be received by October 1, 2008.**

The scholarship award year always begins with the fall semester. If you will not begin classes until the spring (January), be sure to note that on the application. The SEEDS Scholarship Board determines the amount of award you actually receive. You must maintain at least half-time status (6 credit hours) each semester to receive a SEEDS scholarship. Credit hours taken under audit status cannot be included in the determination of your enrollment status. Remember to make a xerox copy for your records.

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Application Deadline: Received by May 1, 2008

PRINT NEATLY OR TYPE

A. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name _____ SSN _____

Address _____
Street or Route

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone () _____ Birth Date _____ Age _____ Male ___ Female ___

Name of Parent(s)/Guardian or Spouse _____

College/University you will be attending:

College major (Indicate General Studies if undecided) _____

B. EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

HIGH SCHOOL APPLICANT:

Name _____ City _____ State _____

Graduation/GED Year _____ ACT/SAT Score _____ High School GPA _____

Junior/Community COLLEGE APPLICANT:

Name of College _____

Enrollment Date: From _____ to _____ Cumulative College GPA _____

Total Number of College Credit Completed to Date _____

Check all that apply:

___ Full-time (12 or more units per semester)

___ Part Time (6-11 units per semester)

C. FAMILY INCOME INFORMATION

(Include Unemployment Benefits, State Aid, etc...)

Number of persons now living in your household: _____

Number in college during 2008 -2009 (include yourself) _____

| <u>Person</u> | <u>Employer</u> | <u>Annual Income</u> |
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| Student | _____ | _____ |
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| Spouse | _____ | _____ |
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Do you plan to work while in college? Yes _____ No _____

D. ACTIVITIES (within the last two years)

Offices Held:

School Activities:

Community Activities

E. ESSAY:

Essay is required. Your name, date of submission and current school must be indicated on the first page. All papers are to be typed and double-spaced. No exceptions. Essays should be 2-3 pages in length. Font size should be no less than 12 and no more than 14. Any thing too large is cause for disqualification. This is a critical element of your application. Neatness, spelling and grammar are very important. Your work should be original and non-fiction (true). All essays will be judged and reviewed by the scholarship committee. Please do not send a resume.

Topic for your essay:

1. **Why education is important to me?** Describe your educational plans, career choice and future goals.
Also note any special circumstances that may impact your educational plans.

Please do NOT submit a resume.

F. PHOTO

A 2 x 2 or larger color photo **is required** with your name printed on the back.

G. SIGNATURE

With my signature I certify that all information provided is to the best of my knowledge true and complete and I have not willingly or knowingly withheld information. I understand that the information may be verified, and that if it is found to be incorrect, it may be cause for the application to be rejected or the award revoked.

Applicant's Signature:

_____ Date_____

This is a confidential form. Information provided on this application is used to determine your eligibility for a SEEDS Scholarship. It is the policy of this organization not to discriminate based on race, color, sex, age, religion, handicap, or other non-merit factors in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, Title IX of the Higher Education Act of 1972, and section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Scholarship funds are subject to change without notice and are contingent upon availability of funds. Decisions of the SEEDS Application committee are made after thorough consideration of all factors involved in a student's application.