

Annual Juneteenth Scholarship Program

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Black O'Kelleys Family Association, Inc.

Scholarship Packet

2024-2025

Deadline: January 16, 2025



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September 1, 2024

Dear Student,

Congratulations on making it to the twelfth (12) grade. I am sure you are excited about finishing the final year of your high school career. Your commitment to education will be well rewarded as you continue in life.

We are glad you have decided to apply for this year’s \$1,000.00 scholarship award. We will be selecting 3 or 4 participants for the Scholarship Program. Our organization seeks to encourage young African Americans to continue their education by offering financial assistance in their first year of college. We are looking for poised individuals who display academic excellence, leadership quality, and community involvement.

Please read the attached forms carefully and follow the directions closely. We look forward to meeting you in person, until then, always strive to be the best you can be.

Sincerely,

Nelson O. Minter
BOFA President, Scholarship Chair
Info@bofainc.org
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How Do I Apply?

Step 1: Do you qualify?

1. Are you African American currently in the 12th grade seeking to obtain a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university?
2. Do you have an accumulative Grade Point Average of 2.5 or higher?
3. Are you active in both school and community?

If you can answer yes to these questions, you qualify!

Step 2: Information Packet

Please submit (now) the first bulleted item only, via email to: info@bofainc.org

- Completed Application Form (see page 5 & 6 below)
- Official Copy of Current High School Transcripts
- Color photo passport style (minimum 3’’x5’’).
- Two letters of recommendation: One School Official, One Community Leader
- Any additional information that helps us get to know you.

Your remaining Information Packet items must be received online or via mail or email by January 16, 2025 to: BOFA, Inc., P.O. Box 606, Saint Louis, MO 63032

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Step 3: Scholarship Specifics

The Overall Scholarship Winner is determined and evaluated by an independent panel based on the following factors. Every effort is made to keep participants identity and scores anonymous.

Application Packet

Appearance
Directions Followed
Completeness

Essay

Grammar
Content
Structure
Relevance

Ad & Ticket Sales

Number Sold

Overall

Attitude
Competence
Leadership Ability
Follow Through
Time Management

Application Content

Letters of Recommendation
Grade Point Average
Class Level Difficulty
Community Involvement

Breakfast Presentation (5 minutes)

Appearance
Clarity
Content
Relevance
Dynamics

Community Service Project

Involvement
Participation
Attendance

Each participant will receive half of their total Souvenir Ad Book and Donation Sales in the form of a textbook Scholarship. Each participant is expected to sell \$500.00 in ads and as a result will receive a Scholarship Award ranging from \$250.00 to \$1,000.00 dollars. One participant will be crowned the Overall Scholarship Winner based on all the above criteria.

Step 4: Contact and Follow-Up

If selected, BOFA will contact you for a social gathering and informational meeting to be held in February 2025. You are encouraged to bring your parent(s)/guardian(s) as this will be an opportunity to get to know one another better. Also, at this time you will receive more specific information regarding the Annual Scholarship Breakfast, Tickets, and the Souvenir Ad Book.

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Parent’s Name _____ E-mail _____

Social Media Profile(s): _____

High School: _____

Expected Graduation Date: _____

Current Cumulative G.P.A: _____

Favorite Subjects: _____

Least Favorite Subjects: _____

School Involvement:

Church/Community Involvement:

Special Awards / Honors:

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Employment History:

What do you do for fun?

Please attach a 2-page double-space essay answering the following questions:

- Why should you get this scholarship?
- What are your intentions regarding college?
- What career aspirations do you have? Why this career?
- What weaknesses or barriers do you anticipate in going to college and how do you plan to overcome them?

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