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## **College Scholarship Application Instructions**

The YMCA of Greater Seattle administers four scholarship programs to help finance higher education for eligible minority and low income students: the Dottie Eley Scholarship, the Marie E. Jenner Scholarship, the Earl Phillips Scholarship and the Theresa E. Lee scholarship. Approximately \$25,000 will be awarded this year in accordance with the specific requirements of the four (4) scholarships described below.

### **Recipient Selection**

Applications are reviewed by a selection committee and all applicants will be notified of the final decision by mid-May. Scholarship recipients are selected on the basis of YMCA involvement, leadership, participation in school, community activities, academic achievement, honors, financial need, work experience, statement of career, educational goals, and recommendations. Finalists may be interviewed. The number of scholarships awarded will be based on the recommendation of the College Scholarship Selection Committee and available funds.

### **Applicant Responsibility**

Students should return the completed application, a current (or most recent) high school or college transcript, copy of official SAT scores, personal statement, and an essay to the YMCA of Greater Seattle College Scholarship Committee **by April 20, 2015**. Applicants are also responsible for assuring references submit all necessary information by the deadline. The College Scholarship Committee will review all completed application packets.

### **All applicants must meet the following initial requirements to be considered for scholarship:**

#### Application Requirements:

- Current Washington State resident living in King County or south Snohomish County
- Current high school senior
- Current or previous YMCA of Greater Seattle involvement



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## **College Scholarships Available**

**Candidates may apply for more than one scholarship, please indicate on your application.**

### **1. Dottie Eley Scholarship**

Established in honor of Dottie Eley to encourage low-income students to reach their full potential by enrolling in a full-time course of study at a two-or four-year college or university. *Typical scholarship amounts are at least \$1,000 and are available for only one year.*

Scholarship specific requirements:

- Low-income
- Preferably minority

### **2. Marie E. Jenner Scholarship**

Established by Charlie Jenner in honor of his wife, Marie, to assist low-income students from West Seattle with a good academic record and involvement in community service activities. *Typical scholarship amounts are at least \$1,000 and are available for only one year.*

Scholarship specific requirements:

- West Seattle community residents preferred but not mandatory
- Community service involvement
- Plan to attend an in-state Washington college preferred but not mandatory

### **3. Earl Phillips Scholarship**

Established by Mr. And Mrs. Earl A. Phillips to encourage Christian young people who are racial/ethnic minorities to pursue a course of study to help them to prepare for employment with the YMCA or similar organizations in a youth related field. *Typical scholarship amounts are at least \$1,000 and are available for only one year.*

Scholarship specific requirements:

- Preference to students who are racial/ethnic minorities
- Belief in Christian values
- Demonstrated leadership in the YMCA, school or other organizations

### **4. Theresa E. Lee Scholarship**

Established in honor of Theresa E. Lee to encourage African American youth in the YMCA Black Achievers Program to pursue advanced education and prepare for professional careers in health sciences, communications, law and government, computer science, engineering, arts and humanities and business. *Typical scholarship amounts are at least \$1,000 and are available for only one year.*

Scholarship specific requirements:

- Active participant in YMCA Black Achievers Program, all ethnicities are eligible
- Community service involvement
- Final applicants will be required to participate in a formal interview panel with the YMCA Black Achievers Program Scholarship Selection Committee

***Complete the following application packet and return it on or before April 20, 2015.***



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## **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

**Due April 20, 2015**

*Submit this application package with all required documentation to the address below. **Applications that are not signed and dated will not be accepted.***

Mail/drop off completed scholarship applications to:

### **Seattle and Surrounding Area Students**

College Scholarship Committee  
ATTENTION: Shayla Brown  
Meredith Mathews East Madison YMCA  
1700 23rd Avenue  
Seattle, Washington 98122  
Phone: (206) 351-2520

### **West Seattle Students**

College Scholarship Committee  
ATTENTION: Shayla Brown  
4515 36th Avenue SW  
Seattle, Washington 98126



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## **Check List**

I meet the following initial requirements:

- Resident of King County or south Snohomish County
- Current High School senior
- Plan to enroll in a two-or four-year college or university
- I am currently involved with a YMCA of Greater Seattle Program

I have completed the required Scholarship application and have attached the following documents:

- Copy of my current or most recent school transcript
- Copy of my official SAT scores
- One page essay (see page 6 "Essay" section)
- Two references
- Personal Statement



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## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Please indicate which scholarship(s) you are applying for (see page 2): \_\_\_\_\_

### PERSONAL

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
type or print)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(street) (city) (state) (zip code)

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(MM/DD/YY)

Community you reside in:  West Seattle  other: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Must reside in King County or south Snohomish County)

Religious affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_ YMCA affiliation?  no  yes \_\_\_\_\_  
(Branch/program)

#### Race/Ethnicity:

- White/Caucasian  Black/African American  Asian or Pacific Islander  
 Spanish, Hispanic or Latino  American Indian or Alaskan Native  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

#### Size of Your Household:

Total Household Income: \_\_\_\_\_ Your Personal Income: \_\_\_\_\_  
2012: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 2012 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Adults (18+) \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Children \_\_\_\_\_

### EMPLOYMENT (Applicant)

Current/most recent employer: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

### SCHOOL

High school name: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ SAT: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you now attending high school?  no  yes

Graduation date: \_\_\_\_\_ or GED date: \_\_\_\_\_

Future educational plans (specify school you plan on attending and course study):

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## **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

### **LEADERSHIP AND VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCES**

Please list specific leadership experience and volunteer responsibilities in your YMCA (indicate specific program and branch), school, or other organizations in the space below or in a separate sheet of paper. Also include number of years of volunteer service and number of volunteer hours during the year.

1) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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I am a participant in the YMCA Black Achievers Program as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Other YMCA experiences/involvement:

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## **REFERENCES**

Name, relationship and address of two adults who could tell us more about you (example: teacher, principal, employer, etc. Do not include relatives or household members). Provide each of your references with the enclosed "Reference" form (page 8 of 9), for **return to the YMCA on or before April 20, 2015**. They may use the form or provide information in the form of a letter. Be sure applicant's name is listed on the reference form.

- 1) Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

## **PERSONAL STATEMENT**

***In the space below, or on a separate sheet, please write a short statement about why you are seeking financial support for your college education. Please include steps that you have taken to personally finance your education. Please also list any scholarship awards or grants that you have already received in the space provided below.***

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***Other scholarships, awards or grants you have already received:***

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2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
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**ESSAY**

Please submit a **one page essay (12 point, double space)** along with the scholarship application, **on or before April 20, 2015.**

Topic: **Articulate the goals you have established for yourself and your efforts to accomplish them, while emphasizing how the YMCA scholarship allows you to meet or work towards these goals.**

I attest that the information provided in this application is true and correct and agree that any untruthful or misleading answers, or omission of fact, may result in rejection of this application. I authorize and release any former employers, teachers, schools, and any other persons or organizations to furnish the YMCA of Greater Seattle with information concerning my academic or work performance, skills, abilities, and character.

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





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## **REFERENCE FORM - COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP**

*(This form is to be completed by selected reference; teacher, principal, employer, etc.)*

Name of scholarship applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of reference: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete the following information on the above individual and **return on or before April 20, 2015**. You may provide a letter of reference if your letter includes the areas mentioned below, instead of completing this form. *(Use reverse side if needed.)*

- 1) In what capacity and for how long have you known the applicant?
- 2) What barriers/challenges has the applicant overcome to get to the point where she/he can pursue a higher education?
- 3) What challenges will she/he face as a college student?
- 4) Do you believe she/he can meet those challenges? Why? How? Please give examples.
- 5) Do you know if the candidate has had the opportunity to contribute to the community or to help others? In what way?
- 6) Is there anything else we should know about the applicant?

Signature of reference: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Return completed all form on or before April 20, 2015 to:**

College Scholarship Selection Committee  
Attention: Shayla Brown  
Meredith Mathews East Madison YMCA  
1700 23rd Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98122-2922

**West Seattle Students**  
College Scholarship Selection Committee  
Attention: Shayla Brown  
West Seattle Family YMCA  
4515 36th Avenue SW  
Seattle, Washington 98126



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## **2015 Scholarship Application Checklist**

*(Please circle Yes or No)*

### **Have you:**

1. Completed all the items on your Application Form?  
Yes                      No
2. Completed your Cover Letter / Personal Statement?  
Yes                      No
3. Completed your Essay?  
Yes                      No
4. Included the completed Reference Forms [two] or provided letters of recommendation [two]?  
Yes                      No
5. Included your official transcript with SAT/ACT scores?  
Yes                      No
6. Identified and disclosed the school or university where you were accepted and plan to attend?  
Yes                      No
7. Provided a copy of your acceptance letter for the college or University you are planning to attend?  
Yes                      No

### **Note:**

**Incomplete application packages will not be processed. Late applications will not be accepted. We strongly recommend turning in applications several days prior to the due date.**

### **Scholarship Application Timetable**

March 25, 2015	Applications made available to students
April 20, 2015	Completed applications are due
May 9, 2015	Student interview (Selected students)
May 27, 2015	Scholarship award notifications