



January 10, 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

The Greater Rappahannock (VA) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated was founded to enrich, sustain and ensure the culture and economic survival of African-Americans and persons of African ancestry within our community.

The Greater Rappahannock (VA) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated is pleased to announce its 2020 Scholarship search. Four scholarships, in the amount of \$1500 each, will be awarded to four outstanding African-American students in our service area. The Sandra Holland King Education Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500 will be given to a student majoring in the field of education and a student attending a Historically Black College or University (HBCU) will be awarded a scholarship in the amount of \$1,500, for a total of six non-renewable scholarships.

Enclosed please find a copy of the scholarship application form and requirements. We ask that you copy and distribute this information to those students who meet our eligibility guidelines.

All applications must be postmarked no later than March 13, 2020. For additional information or questions, please e-mail Ms. Cynthia Watkins, Scholarship Chairperson at [Cynthia9220@cs.com](mailto:Cynthia9220@cs.com).

Sincerely,

**Cynthia M. Watkins**

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Scholarship Chairperson  
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## **Greater Rappahannock (VA) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated**

The Greater Rappahannock (VA) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated Scholarships are awarded annually to students graduating from a high school within the organization's service area who meet specific academic and other eligibility requirements and plans to attend a two or four year college on a full time basis. This one-time scholarship of \$1,500 for each student will be paid to the college and applied towards tuition, books or other academic supplies.

### **Eligibility Criteria**

The applicant must be an African-American candidate for graduation in a high school within the service areas of the Greater Rappahannock (VA) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated. Our service areas include: The City of Fredericksburg and counties of Spotsylvania, Stafford, Caroline, and King George.

The applicant must plan to attend an accredited two or four year-college.

Applicants must have a minimum cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 or better on a weighted 4.0 scale.

In addition to the completed form, applicants must submit the following:

Applicants must submit (1) original and (3) copies of completed package.

An official copy of your transcript from your School Counseling Office.

Two (2) letters of recommendation from a school counselor, teacher or school administrator, and a member of your community who can attest to your abilities and character.

Attach a recent photo of yourself to the application.

A one page double-spaced essay of 500 words or less on one of the following topics:

If you could change one thing in your community or the world, what would you change and why?

What is the most critical moral, ethical, or social problem facing America?

What impact do you expect to make in your community once you finish college?

### **Sandra Holland King Education Scholarship**

Applicants must submit (1) original and (3) copies of completed package.

An official copy of your transcript from your School Counseling Office.

Two (2) letters of recommendation from a school counselor, teacher or school administrator, and a member of your community who can attest to your abilities and character.

Attach a recent photo of yourself to the application.

The applicant must be majoring in the field of education.

A one page double-spaced essay of 500 words or less on "Why Education is Important to Me?"



### **Historically Black College or University Scholarship**

Applicants must submit (1) original and (3) copies of completed package.

An official copy of your transcript from your School Counseling Office.

Two (2) letters of recommendation from a school counselor, teacher or school administrator, and a member of your community who can attest to your abilities and character.

Attach a recent photo of yourself to the application.

The applicant must apply and plan to attend an HBCU.

A one page double-spaced essay of 500 words or less on "What do you believe are the benefits of attending a HBCU?"

### **Other Information**

All finalists may participate in an interview, if applicable. Applicants will be rated on their involvement in extra-curricular activities, academic achievement, their essay, and interview, if applicable.

GRVA will host a reception to honor recipients. The tentative date is April 19, 2020. The final date, time and place will be forwarded to recipients in March.

A scholarship presentation will be made at our scholarship reception and at your local high school Awards Night.

Applications and supporting materials must be postmarked by March 13, 2020.

Finalists will be notified by April 10, 2020 via e-mail. Type or print your e-mail address legibly.

Questions may be directed to Ms. Cynthia Watkins via email at [Cynthia9220@cs.com](mailto:Cynthia9220@cs.com).



## Greater Rappahannock (VA) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated Academic Scholarship Application

Please print or type legibly and complete ALL sections. Information provided is confidential.

Please check which scholarship applying for:

GRVA \_\_\_\_ HBCU \_\_\_\_ Sandra Holland King Education Scholarship \_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

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Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (If Different): \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Point Average: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ SAT Score: \_\_\_\_\_

ACT Score: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you received any scholarships? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ Value \$ \_\_\_\_\_

High School Currently Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School Counselor's Name/Telephone/Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date and Time of Senior Awards Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been accepted by an accredited college? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Anticipated Major(s): \_\_\_\_\_

If accepted, provide name, address and copy of letter: \_\_\_\_\_

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Use an additional sheet of paper, if necessary, for the following information:

List all extracurricular and community activities (include any offices or positions held):

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List all honors, awards, and achievements:

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Employment/Work Experience:

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List any hobbies or special interests:

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Please note the following:

The Scholarship check will be sent to the college or university to be applied directly to the recipient's account. If selected, you must provide a copy of the acceptance letter and the name and address of the college or university to which the check will be mailed.



The selected winner agrees to the use of their name, photo and select information contained in their application packet for advertising and promotional purposes for the Greater Rappahannock (VA) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated without further compensation, liability or notification.

*The information on this form and contained in the application packet is true and correct to the best of my knowledge as evidenced by signatures to this form.*

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Completed packet to include (1) original and (3) copies. POSTMARKED  
by March 13, 2020 to:**

Greater Rappahannock (VA) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated  
c/o Ms. Cynthia M. Watkins  
Post Office Box 1694  
Stafford, VA 22555

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A personal interview may be required.

**Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.**