

Dr. Ethel Simon-McWilliams

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Application must be received or postmarked by Wednesday, January 31, 2007

Applicant Name _____
PRINT *Last Name* *First Name* *Middle Name*

Home Street Address _____ Home Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ US Citizen Yes No

Social Security Number _____ / _____ / _____ Birth date _____ / _____ / _____
Month Day Year

Portland Public High School Currently Attending _____
School Name

_____ School Address

Your Cumulative Grade Point Average _____ (Required cumulative GPA 2.5-to a maximum of 2.85)

The following items must be typed neatly and submitted with this form. Check items as you complete them. INCOMPLETE and/or LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

- Your resume showing 1) all schools attended 2) extracurricular school activities 3) paid work experience 4) volunteer activities outside of school 5) awards or honors you have received
- Official High School Transcript
- Copy of your Fall Term 2006 grade report
- High School Counselor letter of reference
- High School Teacher letter of reference
- Up to two page essay stating why you want to attend college and why you should be selected to receive this scholarship
- One page essay (a) describing your out of school volunteer activities and how they enhance the quality of life of others, and (b) how your college education will enable you to better assist your community
- Up to two page essay, in which you describe your personal life journey, and what people and events have influenced the shaping of your life to date
- Copy of your household's latest Federal Income Tax Return

I certify that to the best of my knowledge the information provided with this application is true and accurate. If selected as a scholarship recipient, the applicant will abide by all requirements, terms and conditions of the scholarship.

Applicant signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian signature _____ Date _____

PRINT NAME _____

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How to Apply and Conditions

BACKGROUND

Dr. Ethel Simon-McWilliams has made significant, lasting contributions to the field of education for which she continues to be recognized throughout the state, the region and the nation. In 2001, she retired from the position of Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Northwest Regional laboratory in Portland, Oregon. At that time, in recognition of her outstanding work and volunteer contributions made throughout her illustrious career, friends established the Dr. Ethel Simon-McWilliams Scholarship Fund. From the fund, up to four years of financial assistance will be provided to eligible students to attend an accredited college/university to gain and apply greater knowledge and skills which will better enable them to become self sufficient and make significant contributions to our society, as has Dr. Ethel Simon-McWilliams.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The Dr. Ethel Simon-McWilliams Scholarship is available to eligible 11th grade African American students *who are U.S. citizens* whose cumulative GPA is 2.5-2.85 in academic subjects, who attend a Portland, Oregon PUBLIC high school and will graduate in the Class of 2008 and who exhibit potential for college/university success. In addition, Finalist for the award will

- 1) have a strong desire for post-secondary education, great heart, dedication, and spirit;
- 2) be involved in out of school volunteer activities, in the Portland community, which enhance the quality of life of others;
- 3) be involved in an extracurricular school activity;
- 4) have exhibited excellent interpersonal skills and positive attitude;
- 5) be committed to continuing volunteer services after obtaining a degree.

APPLICATION

To be considered by the Scholarship Advisors Group each applicant must submit the following typed items which must be postmarked or received by the Advisors Group no later than **Wednesday, January 31, 2007**.

- 1) Your resume showing: a) all schools attended b) extracurricular school activities c) paid work experience d) volunteer activities outside of school e) awards and honors you have received.
- 2) A completed scholarship application form (page one of this packet) printed neatly.
- 3) An official high school transcript including current-term grades for current school year.
- 4) A high school counselor letter of reference sealed in a school envelope.
- 5) A teacher letter of reference sealed in a school envelope (required academic subject teacher preferable.)
- 6) Three essays written by the applicant: a) up to two page essay stating why you want to attend college and why you should be selected to receive this scholarship; b) one page essay describing your out of school volunteer activities and how they enhance the quality of life of others and how your college education will enable you to better assist your community; c) up to two page essay in which you describe your personal life journey, and what people and events have influenced the shaping of your life to date.

- 7) A copy of your household's most recently filed Federal Income Tax Return.

AMOUNT AND TERMS

The scholarship award may include:

- 1) assignment of mentor by senior year in high school
- 2) up to \$110 to defray cost of SAT Prep course through Portland Community College
- 3) up to \$50 for cost of taking SAT test(s)
- 4) up to \$100 for college/university application fees
- 5) up to \$2,500 per year paid to the accredited two or four year college or four year university when recipient enters, for up to four consecutive years provided the recipient is enrolled annually fulltime, maintains at least an overall 2.5 GPA, is in good standing with the institution, and submits to the Scholarship Advisors Group by July 15 of each year official documentation of the aforementioned provisos.

NOTIFICATION

The scholarship recipient will be notified within 60 days following the closing date for application materials.

OBLIGATIONS

In the event the scholarship recipient does not enroll in an accredited institution by the fall term following the semester in which recipient graduates from high school, the award will be forfeited. Where practicable the award may be made to an alternate recipient who will meet all terms and conditions of the scholarship.

The Scholarship Fund reserves the rights to not award a scholarship if it determines that circumstances so warrant. If a scholarship is awarded, it will continue for the period as indicated under amount and terms at the time of the award provided that all eligibility requirements are met and no unforeseen circumstances occur.

SUBMIT ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS TO:

**Dr. Ethel Simon-McWilliams Scholarship Fund Advisors Group
Post Office Box 280
Lake Oswego, OR 97034**

Questions can be emailed to drscholarship@comcast.net

The Scholarship Fund is administered by the Black United Fund of Oregon.