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2021 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PACKET

Application due date: **April 23, 2021**
Completed Applications and Required Supporting Documents
must be emailed to: Scholarship@pwywca.org



PHYLLIS WHEATLEY Y.W.C.A., INC. IS A 501(c)(3) ORGANIZATION. COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN #31203.

About Phyllis Wheatley YWCA

The history of Phyllis Wheatley Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA), Inc., is a long and exciting one. It is the story of African-American women with a vision to start a YWCA for "Colored" women and girls in the early years of the twentieth century when such a deed was impractical and required great courage.

On the corner of Ninth Street and Rhode Island Avenue, Northwest, stands a four-story building of eclectic architecture and gracious looks. Within the walls lies a tremendous story that spans nearly one hundred years. Although the organization itself was founded in 1905, the building was dedicated on December 19, 1920, as the first "Colored" YWCA in the United States of America. In 1923, the name Phyllis Wheatley was chosen and the organization was incorporated as the Phyllis Wheatley Young Women's Christian Association, Inc.

Committed to service and excellence, the mission of the Phyllis Wheatley YWCA is *"to provide affordable housing and programs to women regardless of race, creed, or color. We serve women in transition to prevent homelessness. We also provide outreach services to children and the community. The Phyllis Wheatley YWCA operates as an independent living facility."*

The Scholarship

The Board of Directors created the Scholarship Program to complement its annual Mid-Summer Soiree program. The Mid-Summer Soiree and Talent Showcase was established to provide a platform for the youth of the District of Columbia to compete for scholarships as well as showcase their natural and creative talents. In keeping with the Mid-Summer Soiree's 75th anniversary celebrated in 2017, applicants will compete for scholarships in varying amounts to help off-set any cost towards their college expenses and to contribute their skills and talents towards the improvement of their community. The amount of scholarships awarded will range between **\$1,000 and \$2,500; we will award one to five scholarships.** The Scholarship and Talent Showcase has two primary components:

- 1) Students will complete an application packet consisting of three essays, response to questions, along with the submission of two letters of recommendation and an official high school transcript with a starting GPA of **2.5 through 4.0**.
- 2) Students are asked to identify and describe a talent they must present as part of the **Virtual Talent Showcase competition/Mid-Summer Soiree** scheduled for **Sunday, July 18, 2021**. The talent could be, and is not limited to, any of the following: vocal performance, visual art, spoken word/poetry, dramatic reading, dance, or innovative technology discovery.

The scholarship program is open to **female and male graduating seniors who reside in the District of Columbia and attend a D.C. Public, Charter, or private high school.**

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

To be considered for a scholarship, a completed application **must be emailed** to Scholarship@pwywca.org and **received by 11:59 p.m. on April 23, 2021**. Applications and/or supplemental documents received after the deadline will not be considered. A complete application must include the following:

1. Scholarship Application Form
Please note, the application must be signed and dated.
2. One 300-500 word typed, doubled-spaced essay, titled Community Service, detailing your involvement in community service work.
3. One 300-500 word typed, doubled-spaced essay, titled Personal Statement, detailing your personal goals and aspirations and why you chose your college major.
4. One 500 word typed, doubled-spaced essay addressing the following topic:
 - How will the current political climate impact your educational future?

Please note, the essays will be evaluated based on content, grammar, and presentation.

5. Two Letters of Recommendation: one completed by a teacher at your school and the other completed by a counselor also at your school. The letters must be on official letterhead and signed (in ink or digitally). The recommending official must provide comments regarding your intellectual ability, maturity, motivation, interpersonal skills, as well as verbal and writing skills.
6. An official high school transcript is required and should be emailed securely (password protected, if possible) directly from your school to the email address below.
7. Color photograph (ex. Wallet size senior picture)
 - Ensure that the Photo Release form is signed and returned with your completed application packet.
8. **Finalists must participate in the talent competition in order to be given full consideration for the scholarship.**
9. The completed application packet, except for the official school transcript, should be emailed **in one Adobe file** to Scholarship@pwywca.org. The official transcript should be emailed as per the instructions found in #6 above. If electronic submission poses a hardship, please mail send an email explaining your circumstances to Scholarship@pwywca.org and await further direction.

APPLICATION

Application Deadline: April 23, 2021

Name:

Parent(s) or Guardian(s) Name:

Address:

Telephone Number(s):

Email Address:

Name of School:

***Grade Point Average (GPA):

Clubs/Organizations:

College Acceptance:

Community Service/Volunteer Affiliation:

Briefly describe the talent you intend to showcase:

	Application check list:
	Application
	Three Essays
	Two letters of recommendation
	Transcript
	Color Photo

Photo Release Form:

The photo release form found here must be completed, signed, and returned with the applicant's completed application. packet

CERTIFICATION

By indicating your signature below, you affirm that all information you provide is true and complete.

Applicant Signature

Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature (if applicant is under 18 years of age)

Signature

Date