

Black Women's Association of Albany

"A Community Service Organization"

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BWAA Marian I. Hughes Scholarships

The Black Women's Association of Albany (BWAA) was founded on September 21, 1977 by a group of dynamic women of color, most of whom were not native Albanians. Their purpose was to stimulate social awareness, encourage cultural growth, help youth realize their potential through education and serve as positive role models for African American women of all ages. After a period of inactivity, the BWAA reorganized in March, 2004 and has continued its commitment to community service over decade.

The BWAA Marian I. Hughes Scholarship Awards were established in 2005. Mrs. Hughes held various teaching and administrative positions in the City School District of Albany. She was also an Associate in the New York State Education Department, the author of two books about the history of public school education in Albany, and an advocate for better Human Relations. Although she was not a member of the BWAA, Marian I. Hughes left a rich legacy that is worthy of recognition by the Capital District community.

To be eligible for a BWAA Marian I. Hughes Scholarship Award, the applicant must meet **all** of these criteria:

1. Be a female, high school senior, attending school in the Capital District of New York who identifies as a member of a racial/ethnic minority group.
2. Have a cumulative GPA of **at least 80% or higher** as indicated on an official school transcript.
3. Copy of acceptance letter from a 2 or 4 year college, university, or post- secondary vocational training program.
4. Demonstrate involvement in school, athletic, community service, work, and/or church activities.
5. Secure a letter of recommendation from **two** adults who are not relatives.
Choose from **two** of these categories: teacher, coach, counselor, school administrator, pastor, employer, or community leader.
6. Have a financial need. Proof of household income **must** be included.
7. Type an original essay of approximately **250 words**, describing the applicant's goals and why she deserves an award
8. Completed application signed by the student and a parent/guardian.

Mail the application page and other documents **together in one packet**, postmarked by **Wednesday, March 15, 2017**.

Late or incomplete application packets will not be eligible.

BWAA,


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Attn: **BWAA Marian I. Hughes Scholarship**

All applicants will receive written notification from the Scholarship Committee no later than May 1st. Winners will be recognized at a Scholarship Awards ceremony June 2017. **If selected for an award, the winning student is expected to be present to receive the award.** Note: Immediate family of current BWAA members are **not** eligible to apply for an award.

For more information about the BWAA, contact **President Tanya Yarde** at wearethebwaa@gmail.com

Please visit our website www.bwaaonline.org or find us on Facebook  www.facebook.com/wearethebwaa



BLACK WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF ALBANY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
(Please type or print in ink)

Student's Name: _____ Dae of Birth: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State _____ Zip: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Cell phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name(s): _____ Telephone: _____

Number of family members in household: Adults _____ Children 18 and under (include yourself) _____

Are any immediate family members currently in college? _____ If so, who? _____ Where does (s)he go? _____

Last year's total family income was approximately \$ _____ Please provide proof of household income. **This is required.**

Are you employed? _____ If so, where do you work and what do you do? _____

Name of High School: _____ School Office telephone: _____

School Address: _____ City: _____ State _____ Zip: _____

Name of the Principal: _____ Name of your Guidance Counselor: _____

Colleges to which you applied: _____

Have you been accepted to any of them? _____ If so, which do you plan to attend? _____

What field do you plan to study? _____ What are your career goals? _____

What do you estimate the costs will be for tuition, books, travel, etc. for one year? \$ _____

Financial assistance you will receive from your family. \$ _____

Income you will contribute from savings, employment etc. \$ _____

Other scholarships or financial aid you have applied for: _____

Application Requirements

- Attach a resume listing school, athletic, community service, work, and/or church activities you have done during high school.
- A typed essay of approximately **250 words** that describes yourself, future goals, and why the BWAA should consider you for a scholarship award.
- Request an **official** transcript from your Guidance Counselor as proof that you have **at least an 80% or higher GPA.**
- Submit letters of recommendation from **TWO** adults who are not your relatives. Choose from any **TWO** categories: teacher, coach, counselor, administrator, pastor, employer, or community leader. Where applicable, recommendations should be on letterhead stationery, signed and in a sealed envelope.
- Copy of an acceptance letter from a 2 or 4 year college, university, or post- secondary vocational training program.
- Proof of household income (Acceptable proof: Current payroll stub, Income tax return, Disability, Social Security and/or Unemployment benefits)

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STATEMENT: I do affirm that the information submitted on this application is correct. I am not in the immediate family of a current BWAA member. I understand that the BWAA is under no obligation to grant me an interview or to give me a scholarship award. I also understand that this application and all supporting documents become the property of the Black Women's Association of Albany.

Student's Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date