



February 2024

Dear Applicant,

The Newport News (VA) Chapter of the Links, Incorporated will award a \$2500 scholarship to a graduating high school female senior within our service areas of Newport News, Williamsburg-James City County, York County, and Gloucester, Virginia. The scholarship is available to a young lady who has demonstrated academic achievement and leadership in her school and community and will matriculate at either an accredited Historically Black College and University (HBCU) degree-granting four-year college or university or an accredited two-year college.

The recipient will receive the award over a two-year or four-year period at the payout discretion of the committee and must be a full-time student. The recipient must remain in good standing with the college or university and provide proof of enrollment to receive each monetary installment. Checks will be distributed annually upon receipt of enrollment documentation.

The Links, Incorporated was established in 1946 and has a current membership of over 17,000 professional women of color in 299 chapters located in the United States, including, the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of the Bahamas. It is one of the nation's oldest and largest volunteer services organizations of extraordinary women who have documented over 1 million service hour annually, and are committed to enriching, sustaining, and ensuring the culture and economic survival of African Americans and other persons of African ancestry.

To apply for the Chapter's scholarship, the enclosed 2024 Scholarship Application Form must be completed and submitted by **April 3, 2024**. The application packet can also be found on the Chapter's website at www.newportnewslinks.org. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

We look forward to receiving your application and wish you well as you complete your senior year. For questions, please contact your School Counselor or the Newport News (VA) Chapter Scholarship Chair, Mrs. Katherine Brown at (757) 508-3948 or kblinks2022@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Katherine Brown
Scholarship Chair
Newport News (VA)
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Eligibility: The applicant must meet the following eligibility requirements:

1. Must be a female high school senior graduating in 2024;
2. Must have a GPA of 2.5 or above on a 4.0 scale;
3. Must enroll in an accredited four-year Historically Black College and University (HBCU) or an accredited two-year college.

How to Apply: The following items must be submitted together.

1. A completed Newport News (VA) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated 2024 Scholarship Application; Preference is for it to be submitted electronically via QR Code on page one.
2. OFFICIAL high school transcript(s) to be emailed to kblinks2022@gmail.com;
3. An original one-page typed, double-spaced essay (*Please use a 12-point font, minimum of 500 words; not to exceed 750 words*);
4. Two letters of recommendation (see page 4 for electronic submission instructions). One letter must be submitted from a school official and the second letter may be submitted from a community representative.

Instructions:

- Type or print legibly on the application form. The application can also be retrieved from the Newport News (VA) Chapter of the Links, Incorporated website at www.newportnewslinks.org;
- You may submit your application materials electronically (preferred) or you may mail it in to the address below;
- Submit all credentials (application, transcript and two letters of recommendation) in one packet or one PDF for online submission (no GoogleDoc submissions—only PDF);
- Mail typewritten application or submit online by **April 3, 2024**:

Newport News (VA) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated
Attn: Mrs. Katherine Brown, Scholarship Chair
P.O. Box 1121
Newport News, Virginia 23601

Deadline: Application must be received or postmarked by **April 3, 2024**.

Notification: Scholarship applicants will be notified no later than **May 15, 2024**.

Information provided to the Newport News (VA) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated will only be used for the specific purpose of selecting and issuing the scholarship. All documents will be properly safeguarded and destroyed upon issuance of the scholarship award.

Complete Electronically Here:



Newport News (VA) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated
SCHOLARSHIP AWARD APPLICATION FORM – 2024

Please type or print neatly all information in blue or black ink. Illegible forms will not be considered.

I. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____ E-mail Address _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Mother's Name _____ Occupation _____

Father's Name _____ Occupation _____

Guardian's Name _____ Occupation _____

Address and Phone (If different from above.)

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

II. EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

Name of High School _____

G.P.A. _____ of _____ Maximum Scale _____ Class Rank _____ of _____

School Address _____

Honors and Awards Received _____

Dual Enrollment or University Classes in HS

Course _____ Grade _____

Course _____ Grade _____

Course _____ Grade _____

Attach Additional Transcripts if Necessary

College/University Attending (or planning to attend)

III. LEADERSHIP: (Please list any positions/offices that you have held). Describe in detail your leadership experiences in school organizations, teams, clubs, Girl Scouts, etc. (Grades 9-12 only). Attach an additional sheet if necessary.

IV. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Describe in detail your participation in school organizations, clubs, honor societies, church, community, part-time work, sports, etc. How many hours per week or per month did you participate in the activity? (Grades 9-12 only). Attach an additional sheet if necessary.

V. ESSAY

**Please respond to ONE of the following prompts in a one-page typed essay.
Please use a 12-point font.
(750 Words Maximum)**

- 1. Choose one woman in history with whom you would like to have a conversation. Explain why you chose that woman and the topic of your conversation.**
- 2. Tell us about an idea or an experience you have had that you found intellectually engaging.**
- 3. Describe a personal, moral, or ethical dilemma that has impacted your life.**

VI. CERTIFICATION

In submitting this application, I certify that the information is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. Also, I understand all aspects of this application, including eligibility requirements and award amounts. The essay must be an original work by the student without assistance or editing of an outside party. Falsification of information will result in termination of any scholarship/award granted. All information submitted with the Application Packet becomes the sole property of The Newport News (VA) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Note: Letters of recommendation may be submitted electronically by providing each of your recommender with this QR Code below:

