

2015 Scholarship Application Available 10/17/14

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- May not be a past recipient of the SIS Scholarship Award
- African-American high school senior - full-time status in an accredited high school, or currently enrolled (1st year-4th years) in an accredited college
- Middle-income economic status
- Academic good standing (GPA minimum 2.5)
- Student must be a resident of the State of Illinois
- Declared intention to enroll in a:
 - 1) four-year accredited college
 - 2) two-year community college
 - 3) accredited business or vocational school

APPLICATION PROCESS

- 1) Application of student and family data sheets (must be signed)
 - 2) Student official transcript with school seal
 - 3) An essay on one of the following topics:
 - Person That Has Influenced My Life
 - Upon Graduation, How Will I Use My Education
 - Autobiography of the Applicant, written by the applicant
- ** The essay must be a minimum of 2 pages, not more than 3 pages, typed and double spaced, font 12 pts, and signed by the applicant.***
- 4) Two (2) letters of recommendation (typed and signed). One letter should be from a teacher, counselor or school administrator and one letter should be from a mentor or person of positive influence.
 - 5) A **recent** 3x5 300 DPI digital photo. Photos will **NOT** be returned.
 - 6) The Scholarship Committee will schedule interviews with selected scholarship candidates. Interview information will be provided to each candidate during the month of December.

NOTIFICATION OF SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The successful applicant(s) will be notified in writing by January 10, 2015. If you are awarded a scholarship, your presence is required at a banquet that will be held in your honor on February 21, 2015. In addition, if you are awarded a scholarship it is mandatory that you participate and/or volunteer at a minimum of one SIS sponsored event or fundraiser before your scholarship is awarded in August 2015.

PLEASE NOTE: We would like to give every application the attention it deserves, so please do not wait until the last minute to obtain the required data.

Things to remember:

1. Application packages must be completed as described above.
2. Incomplete application packages will not be considered.
3. Application packages must be received by December 12, 2014.
4. All necessary paper work must be *received in one complete package*.
5. Mail scholarship package to the SIS Scholarship Committee.
6. Please address your package to *Sisters Investing in Souls Scholarship Committee* and send your information to the locations listed on the last page of the application.