



**Columbia (MD) Chapter  
The Links, Incorporated  
P.O. Box 1517  
Columbia, MD 21044  
Attn: Scholarship Committee**

## **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

The Columbia (MD) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated is pleased to announce it will award the following scholarships to Howard County graduating high school seniors entering college beginning in the Fall 2026 academic year:

- ***Four (4) \$ 2,500 Scholarships to attend Howard Community College.***

Each scholarship award will be divided equally over 2 consecutive years and awarded each academic year based on meeting scholarship requirements. Scholarship award selections in each category are contingent upon final verification of category requirements.

### **CHECKLIST:**

Each submission must be received by the deadline with ALL the items listed below:

1. Application (signed by the applicant)
2. Two (2) Letters of recommendation from administrators, teachers, counselors, employers, community leaders, etc.
3. Current high school transcript
4. Recent head and shoulder photograph
5. Release signed by parent and by applicant
6. Two (2) Essays (500 words or less)
7. Resume, including community service, school activities, employment, awards and honors
8. Letter from the college or university verifying Pell Grant eligibility (if applicable)

**DEADLINE:** Completed applications should be sent to Columbia (MD) Chapter, The Links, Incorporated, Attn: Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 1517, Columbia, MD, 21044 and must be postmarked by **April 3, 2026**. Incomplete applications will NOT be considered.

**NOTE:** Immediate relatives (defined as one's parents, step-parents, siblings, spouse, children, step-children, foster children, in-laws, sibling in-laws, grandparents, great grandparents, step-grandparents, step-great grandparents, grandchildren, aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews) of a member of The Links, Incorporated or The Links Foundation or a spouse of a member of The Links, Incorporated or The Links Foundation are not eligible for the Columbia (MD) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated scholarship awards.

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**Completed application must be POSTMARKED by April 3, 2026**

**and mailed to:**

**Columbia (MD) Chapter, The Links, Incorporated  
P.O. Box 1517  
Columbia, MD 21044**

## **2026 Scholarship Application**

**Please type or print requested information and limit responses to the space provided unless otherwise indicated.**

### **Applicant Information**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Last First M.I.*

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street Address Apartment/Unit #*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*City State ZIP Code*

Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian : \_\_\_\_\_

Current High School : \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative Grade Point Average: \_\_\_\_\_

**Which type of college or university are you planning to attend (please check one):**

HBCU     Howard Community College     Other than HBCU

**Have you accepted an offer of admissions to a college or university:**     YES     NO

**If 'YES,' to which college or university:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Have you received any other scholarship awards (please check one):**     YES     NO

**Are you a first-generation college student (neither parent/guardian completed a four-year degree)?**

YES     NO     UNSURE

**Are you eligible for or have you received a Pell Grant or other need-based financial aid? If yes, please attach letter of verification of Pell Grant eligibility.**

YES     NO     UNSURE

**Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Please complete both essays on a separate sheet(s).**

**ESSAYS (Each essay should be 500 typed words or less)**

- (1) **At some point in your life, you may end up living with a roommate. Write a note to your future roommate that reveals something about you that will help your roommate (and us) know you better.**
  
- (2) **What movie, poem, musical composition, or novel has most influenced your life and the way that you view the world? Why?**

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*I have read the Columbia (MD) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated scholarship information, including the description of the selection process and the conditions of acceptance, and hereby accept nomination for a Columbia (MD) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated Scholarship with the full knowledge of the selection process and the conditions related to the acceptance of such an award.*

*I also authorize the release of the following to the Scholarship Committee members of The Columbia (MD) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated: any information held or to be held by secondary school, college or university officials, and others, including but not limited to personal evaluations and transcripts. I understand that this material may be kept confidential both from me and the public and I waive any right of access that I may have by law.*

**Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Enclosures:**

1. Application (signed by the applicant)
2. Two Letters of recommendation from administrators, teachers, counselors, employers, community leaders, etc.
3. Current high school transcript
4. Recent head and shoulder photograph
5. Release signed by parent
6. Release signed by the applicant
7. Two Essays (each 500 words or less)
8. Resume, including community service and school activities, employment, as well as awards and honors earned.
9. Written verification of Pell Grant eligibility (if applicable)

***THIS APPLICATION MUST BE SIGNED AND DATED IN THE  
APPROPRIATE PLACES***

## Selection Conditions

The student selected as a recipient of the Columbia (MD) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated will be invited to accept the scholarship award subject to the following conditions:

1. Documentation of enrollment must be submitted by June 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.
2. The recipient must maintain a minimum 3.0 grade point average and be a full-time student.
3. The recipient must ensure that an official transcript and letter and/or video describing your progress are submitted to The Columbia (MD) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated within 30 days of the end of each school year.
4. Each academic year, the recipient will continue to demonstrate qualities of scholastic excellence, leadership, and responsible personal behavior.

## Student Agreement

*I hereby certify that:*

1. All information submitted in this application is true, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that providing false or misleading information in this application and/or in this application process may result in disqualification from consideration or withdrawal of any scholarship award.
2. I will be a full-time student as defined by the institution that I have selected.
3. I will use the proceeds of the Columbia (MD) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated scholarship for payment of tuition and required fees, room and board or similar living or college-related expenses. I understand that the scholarship will be awarded each year as outlined in the application.
4. I understand that my GPA must be maintained at a minimum of 3.0 and I must be enrolled as a full-time student.
5. I agree to submit documentation of enrollment within 30 days of being notified of my selection as a recipient of the Columbia (MD) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated scholarship.
6. I agree to allow the individual college or university officials to release transcripts and enrollment documentation regarding my academic progress to the Columbia (MD) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated.
7. I agree that I will make every effort to make myself available within reason to the Columbia (MD) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated to provide updates on my academic progress via phone, email, and/or video during each academic year that I maintain my scholarship award status.
8. I am not an immediate relative of an active or alumna member of The Links, Incorporated.

**Applicant's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

## **PARENT RELEASE FORM**

As parent/ guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, I hereby grant permission for my child's photograph/video to be used by the Columbia (MD) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated for marketing purposes, including, but not limited to:

- National and local Links publications
  
- National and local Links websites
  
- Local newspapers, such as *The Columbia Flier*, *The Howard County Times*, *The Baltimore Sun*, *The Washington Post* and *The Afro American*
  
- Local television news shows in the Baltimore and Washington, DC metropolitan areas

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Signature of Parent/Guardian

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Printed Name of Parent/Guardian

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Date

## **APPLICANT RELEASE FORM**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, an applicant for the Columbia (MD) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated Scholarship, hereby grant permission for my photograph to be used by the Columbia (MD) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated for marketing purposes, including, but not limited to:

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Signature of Applicant

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Printed Name of Applicant

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Date