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2017 Annual Scholarship Award

Objective

The purpose of the scholarship program is to assist DWIU members and qualified students to obtain educational and career objectives through formal education at a post-secondary educational institution.

Eligibility

- Active DWIU members and qualified students are eligible.
- Applicants must be currently enrolled full-time in an accredited post-secondary educational institution in a course of study that leads to a two-year, four-year or graduate degree.
- Students must submit a written essay (2-page min., 12 pt, Arial font, double-spaced, with 1" margins).
- All work must be cited using APA format.
- Student's current cumulative grade point average (GPA) must be a minimum of 3.0 or more.
- Applicants must commit to a minimum of 20 volunteer community service hours with DWIU or any national association during the next 12 months following the awarding of the scholarship. **Failure to show proof of successful completion will result in the forfeiting of the scholarship fund.**
- Successful applicants will be required to provide proof of official enrollment (with grade point average, GPA) in a post-secondary educational institution to the DWIU Executive Board before scholarship is awarded.

If you would like to clarify your eligibility in the 2017 scholarship application, please contact Ms. Donna Dawson – Scholarship Committee Chair at (954) 249-6710 or ddawson722@yahoo.com

"All for one and one for all, We Stand United"

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Application Procedures

Application Fee: \$0 (value \$50)

Dallas West Indies United (DWIU) general fund supports the core program, administrative, financial and management services needed to complete the mission of the organization.

Applicants **must** submit the following:

1. Completed application form.
2. The essay and statement of educational goals as specified in the application.
3. Proof of **official** school transcript (with grade point average, GPA).

Incomplete applications, missing documentation or applications not submitted by the deadline will be deemed ineligible and will **NOT** be considered for the current application period.

Criteria and Method of Selection

- Dallas West Indies United (DWIU) Scholarship Committee will judge the essays and determine the top five (5) finalists. The successful five (5) finalists essay submissions will be submitted to the DWIU Executive Board for concurrence. Scholarships will be awarded in the amount of \$250.00.
- The criteria used by the DWIU Scholarship Committee to make its determinations are as follows:

Quality of Appearance

Including, but not limited to: (1) legibility of the application/essay, (2) spelling, (3) grammar, (4) format (5) structure and (6) work citing (i.e. references).

Persuasiveness of Discussion.

Including, but not limited to: (1) reasonable discussion of the topic, (2) persuasiveness of the discussion and (3) the overall quality of the essay.

Intangible and Other Factors as Determined by the Judges.



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Scholarship Application

Please type or clearly print.

Name

Last First Middle

Address

Number & Street City State Zip

Home Telephone Number _____
Cell or Other Daytime Telephone Number _____
Email address _____

Applicants must submit:

- (1) Provide a double-spaced, type written essay, two-page minimum, Arial font, size 12 point, 1" margins.**
- (2) Essay cover page must include (a) name, (b) highest level of education completed (by the due date of the application), (c) short-term educational goal (1 year), and (d) long-term educational goal (2 – 4 yrs).**
- (3) The application along with the essay must be submitted by both hard copy (via mail) and in pdf (email).**



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(4) Choose from one of the topics listed below.

- a) **Do you think enough is being done in the West Indies as it relates to hurricane preparedness and relief efforts? Please support your answer with scholarly cited sources.**
- b) **What should the government and the people do to improve its global brand? Choose any island/country in the West Indies. Please support your answer with scholarly cited sources.**
- c) **What are your views on the removal of historical monuments from schools and public sites? Please support your answer with scholarly cited sources.**
- d) **What are your views on the termination of DACA, and how will this decision affect the Caribbean? Please support your answer with scholarly cited sources.**

Application Deadline

Applications must be received by close of business (CST) on **October 27, 2017** to be considered. **Successful scholarship recipients will be notified by November 10, 2017.**

Please send to: DWIU Scholarship Committee
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