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# 2018 Annual Scholarship Award

## **Objectives**

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**

- DWIU members and other qualified students are eligible.
- Applicant must be 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 must be a minimum of 3.0 on a scale of 4.0.
- Applicants must commit to show proof of 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.
- 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 the scholarship will be awarded.

**Please contact the following Scholarship Committee Chair if you would like to clarify your eligibility to apply for the 2018 scholarship.**

**Donna Dawson** at (954) 249-6710  
or [ddawson722@yahoo.com](mailto:ddawson722@yahoo.com).



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## **Application Procedures**

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

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

Applicants should 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**

- The DWIU Scholarship Committee will judge the essays and determine the top 5 finalists. Applications for the top 5 finalists will be submitted to the DWIU Executive Board for concurrence. Scholarships will be awarded in a minimum amount of \$250.00.
- The criteria to be used by the DWIU Scholarship Committee to make its determinations will include:

Quality of Appearance including, but not limited to: (1) legibility of the application/essay, (2) spelling, (3) grammar, (4) format, (5) plagiarism (6) structure and (7) work citing (i.e. references).

Persuasiveness of Discussion including, but not limited to: (1) whether the essay contains a reasonable discussion of the topic, (2) whether the discussion is persuasive, and (3) the overall quality of the essay.

Intangible and Other Factors as Determined by the Judges.





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

- a) **Black Lives Matter, the Movement.** In a persuasive essay, choose whether you are for or against the movement. Please support your answer with scholarly cited sources.
- b) **Should athletes be discouraged from using their platforms to bring up political and/or social issues?** Please support your answer with scholarly cited sources.
- c) **Many Caribbean islands are marred with violence. As an ambassador for the Caribbean, what are some strategic plans you will put in place to reduce the level of violence?** Please support your answer with scholarly cited sources.
- d) **Being of Caribbean decent, explain your views on the current United States immigration crisis and how you believe that it will affect people in the Caribbean.** Please support your answer with scholarly cited sources.

### **Application Deadline**

Applications must be received by close of business (CST) on **October 26, 2018** to be considered. **Successful scholarship recipients will be notified by November 03, 2018.**

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