

FOCUS Organization, Inc.

Scholarship Application



“Caring Women Working Together with FOCUS on the Community”

FOCUS Organization, Incorporated

Award of Community Service and Excellence

PO Box 52553

Durham, North Carolina 27717

Phone: (919) 544-5929

Award Amount: \$1,000 (4-year College); \$500 (Junior College or Community College)

Targeted Schools: High Schools located in Durham and Orange County School Districts

Targeted Churches: FOCUS Members' Churches

Applicant Eligibility:

1. Applicant is a graduating high school senior who attends a high school within Durham or Orange counties and has been either a) accepted into a college/university or b) plans to enroll in a community college.
- or -
Applicant is enrolled in the Adult Basic Education (GED) program at Durham Technical Community College.
2. Applicant currently maintains an ***“unweighted”*** 2.5 GPA or higher.
3. Applicant provides evidence of community service involvement or experience.
4. Selected recipient must attend or send a representative to the Award Ceremony on the 4th Saturday in June.
5. Applicant must be an African American female.
6. Proof of enrollment is required in order for funds to be released.
7. **A scholarship award is not renewable and the recipient can only apply once.**

How To Apply:

The complete application packet **must** include the following:

1. A completed application (attached)
2. **Official** high school transcript (can be obtained from your Guidance Office)
3. A current photograph of yourself (preferably at least a 4x6 glossy)
4. Documentation of Scholarship Plans
 - A copy of applicant's Letter of Acceptance to a College/University, or
 - Plans for
 - /College or evidence of enrollment for (*Community College students only*).
5. One letter of recommendation/Reference from:
 - a high school counselor or administrator **OR**
 - a community leader (***must be non-related adult who has knowledge of the applicant's potential for success***)
6. Two page, typed essay (***12-point font and double spaced***) to include the following:
 - Major or undergraduate program and reason(s) for choosing that major or program
 - Future plans (what applicant would like to accomplish following the completion of their college studies)
 - Community/outreach projects in which applicant has participated within the last 4 years
 - Perceived benefits of the receipt of this scholarship
7. **Mail** all of the above mentioned items to the following address: Applications must be postmarked by April 28, 2018.
 - FOCUS Organization, Inc.
 - Attention: Scholarship Committee
 - PO Box 52553
 - Durham, North Carolina 27717

Directions: Please complete ALL sections of the application below. Use additional paper if necessary.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____
(First) (Last) (Middle)

Home Address: _____
(Street and / or Apartment Number, if applicable)

(City) (State) (Zip Code)

Telephone: (_____) _____
(Area Code) (Number)

Date of Birth: _____
(Month) (Date) (Year)

E-mail Address: _____

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

High School: _____ Address: _____

Entrance Date: _____ Graduation Date: _____ GPA: _____ (unweighted)

COLLEGE INFORMATION

Perspective University, College or Community College:

Financial Aid Office Address: _____

Telephone (_____) _____

Date of Acceptance: _____ (if applicable)