



EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY ASSOCIATION


A Midwest Association of TRIO and College Access
and Success Professionals

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE 2017 EOA SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

EOA is dedicated to helping students have access to and success
in receiving a postsecondary education and in realizing their
career dreams.

General Guidelines for Staff and Nominators

Please **READ ALL GUIDELINES CAREFULLY** to ensure successful application submissions.

- **Only five applications for each scholarship are to be submitted from each TRIO program.**
- Applicants will only be able to access your chapter's EOA scholarship applications via the links provided.
- All nominators must be EOA members as of **scholarship deadline**.
- **All scholarship deadlines for EOA scholarships are March 31.**
- Recipients will need to submit enrollment verification forms to the EOA Scholarship Chair prior to checks being mailed.
- EOAF Board Chair will mail scholarship checks in October of award year.
- You may have multiple "roles" on Scholarship Central. Different roles give you different access. To change your role, hover over your name on the top right of the screen and select appropriate role that applies, either: **Reviewer, Reference or Applicant**
- The Scholarship Central website can be accessed at: www.myscholarshipcentral.org.
 - Click the blue APPLY NOW button:

 - New applicants click Sign Up
 - Returning applicants click Sign In
- **To apply, students should:**
 - Create a Scholarship Central account.
 - Complete the general application.
 - While logged in, click on the link, type in or cut and paste it into the web browser search bar to apply for your chapter's specific scholarship opportunity. Click the orange apply button at the bottom of the page, answer additional questions and submit.
- Applicants need to enter the name and email address of the **nominator** into the application. The nominator will receive a **Reference Request** via e-mail from St. Louis Graduates. **If the nominator does not receive an email: (1) s/he should check junk, spam, and clutter folders as not all systems will allow these emails to filter through or (2) check with IT to ensure emails are not being quarantined. **Ensure the student has the correct e-mail address.*
- To submit a completed scholarship application: **The applicant MUST answer all application questions, upload all requested documents, and click the orange submit button.**
- Students can visit the Scholarship Central site to check on their progress and status of nomination letters and recommendations.
- Applicants are not requested to upload a photo. However, one will be required before scholarship checks are released.
- **Have Questions or Need Assistance?** Contact Tameka Herrion, EOA Scholarship Chair, at (314) 880-4960 or therrion@stlgives.org with questions or assistance.

Available EOA Scholarships

Board of Directors Scholarship

One undergraduate student in each state in the EOA region will be awarded a \$1000 EOA Board of Directors scholarship.

Ralph J. Pruitt Memorial Scholarship

One award to student in the EOA region decided by order of the current rotation. **Minnesota is eligible in 2017.**

Silas Purnell Scholarship

Two \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded in 2017 decided by order of the current rotation. **MKN and OHIO are eligible to award one scholarship in 2017.**

Emerging Leaders Scholarship

One \$1,000 award to an EOA recipient. Each Chapter may select a semifinalist.

EOA Veterans Scholarship

Two \$500 scholarships will be awarded to two EOA recipients. Each chapter will select a semifinalist.

Arnold Mitchem/Ronald E. McNair Fellowship

Two \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to EOA recipients in 2017. Chapter recipient decided by order of current rotation. **IOWA and MICHIGAN** chapters are eligible in 2017.



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