

## The Links, Incorporated – Gateway (IL) Chapter

### Dr. Lillian Adams Parks Scholarship 2024 Procedures, Guidelines and Deadlines

Unless otherwise noted, the following procedures, guidelines and deadlines apply to the awarding of all Dr. Lillian Adams Parks Scholarships. It is the applicant's responsibility to adhere to the procedures, guidelines and deadlines as outlined below. Failure to adhere to the procedures, guidelines and deadlines may result in loss of your scholarship.

#### ***Application Requirements:***

Completed applications and supporting materials for the ***Dr. Lillian Adams Parks Scholarship*** must be submitted on Scholarship Central **by 11:59 pm on April 3.**

A complete application must include:

- a) Responses to all required questions on Scholarship Central.
- b) An **official transcript**. The cumulative GPA, weighted or unweighted, must appear on the transcript. If your institution will not release the transcripts directly to you, they may send the transcripts to [support@myscholarshipcentral.org](mailto:support@myscholarshipcentral.org). If transcripts are emailed by the institution, the transcripts must be sent by **April 3**.
- c) **Two letters of recommendation** – must be submitted via Scholarship Central by the April 3<sup>rd</sup> deadline. Applicants should enter the names and email addresses of reference providers well in advance of the deadline and follow-up with the reference providers to ensure they received the email and link from Scholarship Central.
  - i. One reference from a school administrator, counselor, or teacher; and
  - ii. One reference from a leader in your community/church who is not a relative and has known the applicant outside the classroom.

#### ***Eligibility Requirements:***

To be eligible for the scholarship, applicants must meet all of the following requirements:

1. Be a U.S. citizen, U.S. permanent resident, or approved under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA).
2. Be African-American or significantly participate in and promote organizations and activities in the African-American community.
3. Reside within the following geographical boundaries: St. Louis City, St. Louis County or St. Charles County in Missouri; or St. Clair County or Madison County in Illinois.
4. Be a current full-time high school senior, or be a current full-time or part-time college freshmen, sophomore or junior who is a past recipient of a *Dr. Lillian Adams Parks Scholarship*.
5. Attend or plan to attend an accredited two or four-year college, university or vocational/technical school in one of the 50 United States or the District of Columbia.
6. Have a cumulative grade point average of **2.50 or above on a 4.0 scale** or the equivalent thereof.
7. Not be an immediate family member or IRS dependent of a member of The Links, Incorporated.

**General Guideline and Other Requirements:**

1. Recipients must provide The Gateway (IL) Chapter of Links, Incorporated, hereafter referred to as the Gateway Chapter, with a copy of their official letter of acceptance to an accredited two or four-year college or university or technical/vocational school and verification of enrollment before the scholarship monies are delivered to the recipient.
2. The number, dollar amount and awarding of all scholarships varies and is subject to funding availability. The Gateway Chapter reserves the right to withdraw a recipient's scholarship or decrease the amount of the scholarship award, should it become necessary, due to lack of funding, or because the recipient becomes ineligible, or due to other unforeseen circumstances.
3. A past recipient of a *Dr. Lillian Adams Parks Scholarship* is eligible to apply for a new scholarship in subsequent year(s), provided the recipient meets the eligibility guidelines for the subsequent year(s). The applicant must have also submitted to the Gateway Chapter copies of grades received during matriculation at the institution of higher learning. The final year of eligibility to apply for a subsequent scholarship is the year in which an applicant is classified as a college junior. The maximum number of years a recipient may receive a scholarship is four (4) years.
4. It is the recipient's responsibility to alert the Gateway Chapter if his or her academic status changes, or if the recipient transfers to another college or university as this may affect the recipient's eligibility. The Chapter will expect updated or additional information or documentation if a status change exists.
5. All communication regarding the scholarship will be made using the applicant's contact information (address, telephone number, e-mail) included in the application form. If a potential recipient of a scholarship cannot be contacted, fails to return any requested information or documentation within the requested time period, or mail/e-mail addressed to the recipient is returned as undeliverable, the potential recipient may, at the sole discretion of the Gateway Chapter, forfeit the scholarship.
6. Scholarship funds used exclusively for the payment of tuition or textbooks are normally not taxable. The scholarship recipient is responsible for taxes, if any, that may be assessed against your scholarship award. The Gateway Chapter recommends consulting a tax advisor if additional guidance is needed.
7. Eligibility requirements, procedures, guidelines and deadlines for the scholarship are subject to change. Other conditions and stipulations may apply.
8. The Gateway Chapter is not responsible for undelivered, late, lost, damaged or misdirected mail, e- mails or faxes.
9. All inquiries and correspondence should be directed to: Dr. Aretha Hardrick at arethahardrick@gmail.com.