



WESTCHESTER COUNTY (NY) CHAPTER



WESTCHESTER COUNTY (NY) CHAPTER OF THE LINKS, INCORPORATED 2026 SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION AND REQUIREMENTS

The Westchester County (NY) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated is accepting applications from eligible students for its 2026 scholarship program. Based upon merit and financial need, a limited number (to be determined) of scholarships will be awarded in amounts ranging from \$500 to \$2,500. Scholarship awardees will receive a one-time scholarship to assist with educational expenses for the 2026-2027 academic year.

APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS:

- Attend a Westchester County (NY) Links partner school.
- A high school senior with a minimum G.P.A. of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
- Identify as African American or of African ancestry
- Applied to or intend to pursue a bachelor's degree at an accredited four-year college/university, **or** an associate degree at an accredited community college, beginning in the Fall of 2026
- Performed documented community service while in high school
- Reside in Westchester County, NY

Note: **All Finalists will be interviewed.**

HOW TO APPLY:

Submit your completed application to the email or postal mail address below by the deadline, **Tuesday, April 7, 2026. Handwritten applications will not be accepted.**

All completed applications must include the following components and mailed or emailed as one packet:

- _____ Completed application, signed by student and parent/guardian as indicated
- _____ Personal Statement
- _____ Two letters of reference on letterhead
- _____ Family financial statement, signed by parent or legal guardian
- _____ Documentation of community service
- _____ Documentation of any leadership activities
- _____ Official copies of high school transcript
- _____ SAT/ACT, Achievement and AP scores, if any
- _____ Email packet to: WESTCHESTERCOUNTYNYLINKS@GMAIL.COM

Mail completed application to: Westchester County (NY) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated
Attn: Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 631
White Plains, New York 10602

DEADLINE: Applications MUST BE POSTMARKED by Tuesday, April 7, 2026
(Mail your complete application packet early. Applications postmarked after **April 7, 2026** will **not** be considered.)

****NOTE: Westchester County (NY) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated members and their immediate family members are not eligible to participate in this Scholarship Program.**

**WESTCHESTER COUNTY (NY) CHAPTER OF THE LINKS, INCORPORATED
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

APPLICANT NAME: _____
Last First Middle Initial

ADDRESS: _____
House Number Street Name Apartment Number

City State Zip Code

MAILING ADDRESS: _____
(if different from above) House Number Street Name Apartment Number

City State Zip Code

HOME PHONE #: _____ **CELL PHONE #:** _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

HIGH SCHOOL: _____
Name of School Address

SCHOOL COUNSELOR: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ **GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA):** _____

FAMILY INFORMATION

MOTHER/GUARDIAN NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____
Number Street Apartment

City State Zip Code

OCCUPATION: _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS: _____
Number Street Apartment

City State Zip Code

HOME PH#: _____ **CELL PH#:** _____ **WORK PH#:** _____

FATHER/GUARDIAN NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

Number

Street

Apartment

City

State

Zip Code

OCCUPATION: _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS: _____

Number

Street

Apartment

City

State

Zip Code

HOME PH#: _____ **CELL PH#:** _____ **WORK PH#:** _____

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

APPLICANT: ARE YOU CURRENTLY EMPLOYED OR HAVE YOU BEEN EMPLOYED DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR?

If yes, where?:

APPLICANT: HAVE YOU BEEN EMPLOYED DURING THE SUMMER BREAKS?

If yes, where?:

SIGNATURE: _____

Applicant's Name: _____

HOUSEHOLD FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Check Gross Yearly Family Income:

☐ \$0 - \$25,999	\$26,000 - \$40,999	\$41,000 - \$55,999
\$56,000 - \$75,999	\$76,000 - \$99,999	\$100,000 +

How many people in your family currently reside in your home? _____

How many family members in the household are currently attending college? _____

Information provided by:

Parent's/Guardian's Name (Print) _____

Parent's/Guardian's Name (Signature) _____

Applicant's Name: _____

PERSONAL STATEMENT

In 250 words or less, type a biographical sketch which will include your goals for the future and how the public/community service you have performed has impacted your life. Use a separate sheet of paper and submit in the application packet.

Please complete the following:

The information provided and as contained in the **application packet** is true and correct to the best of my knowledge as evidenced by these signatures:

Applicant's Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date:

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Applicant's Name: _____

REFERENCES

Applicant must provide two letters from references other than family members (i.e., teacher, coach, counselor, minister, employer). The forms at the end of this application provide the information that is requested from the adults you have identified. Submit the letters of reference with the completed application.

1. _____

Last Name

First Name

Association with Applicant
(teacher, counselor, minister,
employer, etc.)

Mailing Address: _____

Daytime Phone#: _____ Evening Phone#: _____

Title/Occupation: _____

How long has this person known you? _____

2. _____

Last Name

First Name

Association with Applicant
(teacher, counselor, minister,
employer, etc.)

Mailing Address: _____

Daytime Phone#: _____ Evening Phone#: _____

Title/Occupation: _____

How long has this person known you? _____

Applicant's Name: _____

To Be Completed by Applicant's Reference and submitted on official letterhead:

How long have you known this student and in what capacity? Please describe any observed leadership skills and known community service activities.

Provide two additional reasons why this student should be considered for a scholarship award.

Applicant's Name: _____

To Be Completed by Applicant's Reference and submitted on official letterhead:

How long have you known this student and in what capacity? Please describe any observed leadership skills and known community service activities.

Provide two additional reasons why this student should be considered for a scholarship award.