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## **FECDC 2024 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PACKET**

### **THIS PACKET CONTAINS:**

- General directions and definitions
- Scholarship description, eligibility, and checklists
- Document to upload with your application
  - Statement of Support by Guidance Counselor (last page)

### **GENERAL DIRECTIONS:**

- Read each scholarship group to determine your eligibility
- Indicate which scholarship group you are applying for on the attached Scholarship Requirements checklist and include this sheet with your application.
  - If you select a scholarship group, you will be considered for all of the scholarships listed within that group.
- Present your information neatly and accurately.
- **Application Deadline is March 24, 2024**
- To apply, email your application to [scholarships@fecdc.com](mailto:scholarships@fecdc.com) as a PDF file. The document name should read as follows:
  - Last name\_First name.FECDC2024
  - Ex: Smith\_Jane.FECDC2024

### **MINIMUM SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS (These requirements apply to ALL scholarships)**

- Be a current senior on track for graduation in the year of application
  - Be currently enrolled in a public, private, or charter high school located in Metro Atlanta
  - Be actively pursuing admission to an accredited college or university during the academic year immediately following high school graduation.
  - Demonstrate a commitment to academic excellence, public service, and collaborative pursuits to improve the quality of life for others.
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Fortitude Educational and Cultural Development Center, Inc.  
2024 Scholarship Application

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: GA Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Social media handle (IG, TikTok, X, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number (home/cell): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Number (home/cell): \_\_\_\_\_

High School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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### SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST

Check the scholarship group you are applying for and upload it with your application.

**Applicant Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Group A:**

Group A scholarship requirements (in addition to the minimum scholarship requirements) must:

- Currently enrolled in a public or private high school located in Metro Atlanta, GA
- Have a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 based on verification documents provided by a school counselor.
- A written essay of 250 words or less that addresses both items below:
  - Explain how engaging in volunteer or community service has influenced your character and the valuable lessons you've gained from such experiences.
  - Share insights into a successful approach applied to tackle a personal challenge you've faced, detailing how this resilience will contribute to your success in college and beyond.

#### ***FORTITUDE EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER, INC. SCHOLARSHIP (FECDC)***

- **AWARD AMOUNT: \$2000.00**

#### ***EAST POINT COLLEGE PARK DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC. SCHOLARSHIP***

- **AWARD AMOUNT: \$2500.00**

#### ***WELL-CARE PEDIATRICS/KIDCARE PEDIATRICS SCHOLARSHIP***

- **AWARD AMOUNT: \$2000.00**

#### ***ROBERT J. HOLMES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP***

- **AWARD AMOUNT: \$2500.00**

#### ***JOHNSON FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP***

- **AWARD AMOUNT: \$3500.00**

#### ***POWERED BY ZERRET, INC. SCHOLARSHIP***

- **AWARD AMOUNT: \$2000.00**

**Group B:**

Group B scholarship requirements (in addition to the minimum scholarship requirements) must:

- Currently enrolled in a public or private high school located in Metro Atlanta area.
- Have a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 based on verification documents provided by a school counselor.
- Must be an African American student who is a **current resident** of Fayette County, Georgia.
- A written essay of 250 words or less that addresses both items below:
  - Explain how engaging in volunteer or community service has influenced your character and the valuable lessons you've gained from such experiences.
  - Share insights into a successful approach applied to tackle a personal challenge you've faced, detailing how this resilience will contribute to your success in college and beyond.

***POTA ESTEL COSTON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP***

This scholarship has been established to honor and maintain the legacy of The Honorable Pota Estel Coston; the first African American female elected to the Fayette County Commission. Accordingly, the Pota Estel Coston Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to students who demonstrate academic excellence, outstanding leadership skills, personal fortitude, superior collaborative and interpersonal skills, and a dedication to enhancing the quality of life for others.

- **AMOUNT OF AWARD:** \$2,500.00

**Group C:**

Group C scholarship requirements (in addition to the minimum scholarship requirements) must:

- Currently enrolled in a public or private high school located in Metro Atlanta, GA
- Have a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 based on verification documents provided by a school counselor.
- Must be an African American female student who is a current resident of Fayette County, Georgia, or Fulton County, Georgia
- Plan to pursue studies in pre-medicine or pre-law
- A written essay of 250 words or less that addresses the following:
  - Pre-medicine essay:  
Explain your motivation for pursuing a pre-medical path, identifying the factors shaping your interest. Discuss the influences that have guided your decision and elaborate on how a medical career offers you the opportunity to contribute meaningfully to your community.
  - Pre-Law essay:  
Explain your motivation for pursuing a pre-law path, identifying the factors shaping your interest. Discuss the influences that have guided your decision and elaborate on how a law career offers you the opportunity to contribute meaningfully to your community.

***BARBARA BIGELOW MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP***

The Barbara Bigelow Memorial Scholarship is awarded annually to an African American female student interested in pursuing studies in pre-medicine who demonstrates strong academic excellence and has a passion for serving others in her community.

- **AWARD AMOUNT: (2) \$1,000.00**

**Group D:**

Group D scholarship requirements (in addition to the minimum scholarship requirements) must:

- Currently enrolled in a public or private high school located in Metro Atlanta, GA
- Have a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 based on verification documents provided by a school counselor.
- Must be an African American student
- Plan to pursue studies in business or pre-law.
- A written essay of 250 words or less that addresses the following:
  - Explain how engaging in volunteer or community service has influenced your character and the valuable lessons you've gained from such experiences.
  - Examine a successful approach that will aid you in establishing a business or seizing a business opportunity aimed at enhancing the well-being of others.

***HARVEY NEWTON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP***

- **AWARD AMOUNT: \$2500.00**

***JOHNSON & FREEMAN, LLC SCHOLARSHIP***

- **AWARD AMOUNT: \$1500.00**
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**Group E:**

Group E scholarship requirements (in addition to the minimum scholarship requirements) must:

- Currently enrolled in a public or private high school located in Metro Atlanta, GA
- Have a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 based on verification documents provided by a school counselor.
- Reside in a single-parent or single-guardian home.
- A written essay of 250 words or less that addresses the following:
  - Explain how engaging in volunteer or community service has influenced your character and the valuable lessons you've gained from such experiences.
  - How has your experience of growing up in a single-parent or single guardian home shaped your perspective on education, resilience, and future goals?

***P.A.M.M LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP***

- **AWARD AMOUNT: \$2500.00**
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**SCHOLARSHIP CHECKLIST (for a completed application)**

- Copies of College/University Letter(s) of Acceptance (3 max)
- Essay
- School Transcript (Unofficial is acceptable)
- Completed statement of support by Guidance Counselor
- Resume/Additional activity sheet/Brag Sheet

The **DEADLINE** for all applications is **March 24, 2024**

*Scholarship recipients will be notified by email. Recipients are expected to attend the FECDC 2024 Pinnacle Leadership Awards Reception on May 5, 2024, and the FECDC 2024 Pinnacle Leadership Awards Luncheon on June 29, 2024, both at the Atlanta Airport Marriot Gateway Hotel.*



**Statement of Support by Guidance Counselor**

*To be completed by your school counselor*

**(This signed form must be submitted with your application)**

I hereby affirm that this application meets the criteria set forth by this scholarship program and that I support this application to the FECDC Foundation.

<b>Student Name:</b>			
<b>Student GPA</b>			
<b>Name of Guidance Counselor Submitting Application:</b>			
<b>High School:</b>			
<b>Email Address:</b>		<b>Phone Number:</b>	
<b>Signature of Guidance Counselor:</b>		<b>Date:</b>	

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