

THE ECONOMIC CLUB  

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OF WASHINGTON, D. C.

The David M. Rubenstein/  
Economic Club of Washington, D.C.  
Scholarship Application

\$20,000 Scholarships  
Awarded to DC Public School Students

STUDENT DEADLINE: February 10, 2017

*Completed applications must be submitted to  
your School Guidance Counselor*

## **Mission Statement**

The David M. Rubenstein/Economic Club of Washington, D.C. Scholarship program is designed to promote and encourage District of Columbia public high school seniors to attend and graduate from college.

## **Program Description and Criteria**

The Economic Club scholarship provides an award of \$20,000 to select DC students who have been nominated by participating public high schools. Each school's nominating committee will recommend a maximum of two students to receive the award in accordance with the Award paragraph below.

Successful candidates will be chosen by the school's principal and the nominating committee, based principally on academic achievement, with consideration given for other community/extracurricular activities, leadership, financial need, student essay, character evaluation form, and other personal or family attributes. Each award winner will be required to attend an award ceremony in the spring for the formal awards presentation. Each award winner will also be invited to participate in the Scholars to Leaders mentor program as outlined below.

## **Scholarship Eligibility**

- Eligible applicants are restricted to students attending one of the DC Public high schools or DC Public Charter Schools listed in the Addendum.
- Applicants must be graduating seniors who have applied to a degree-granting program in an accredited college or university.
- Students must be enrolled full time as a high school student (enrolled for at least four credits during the student's current and final year) at a participating DC High School.
- Students must graduate from high school and plan to enroll full time in college no later than the fall following completion of high school.
- Students must be a citizen of the United States or be a U.S. lawful permanent resident (or have applied for permanent residence, the application for which has not been denied and intend to become a U.S. citizen at the earliest opportunity allowed by law).
- Students must have a minimum current GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale or equivalent.
- If the current GPA is below 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, students must show marked academic aptitude, e.g., a GPA that steadily increases especially leading into the senior year.
- Student's transcript must demonstrate college preparedness such as AP/IB courses; honors courses; or college preparedness courses (seminars or other classes to help with college applications, SAT preparedness).
- Student must demonstrate interest and participation in extracurricular activities and community service. Leadership roles should be emphasized and are preferred.
- Students must complete the FAFSA and include a copy of the Student Aid Form with the application.

## **Scholars to Leaders Mentor Program**

Scholarship winners will participate in the Scholars to Leaders Mentor Program beginning in the summer following high school and continuing through the college years until the student graduates. The program is designed as a group mentor model matching scholarship winners with Economic Club members to provide quality, consistent and meaningful support for student success.

Scholarship winners will attend a series of Seminars which will take place in the summer following high school graduation. These Seminars are hosted by select Economic Club members, who invite the students into their place of business for a day of informative education.

Scholarship winners will be eligible for summer internship programs available exclusively for Economic Club scholars following the successful completion of their sophomore year in college.

## **Award**

The Economic Club awards up to 48 scholarships to students committed to entering college in the fall of 2017, and winners will be announced in the spring of 2017. Scholarships are awarded to one or two students attending participating high schools as listed in the Addendum. Each winner will receive a \$20,000 award, payable in \$2,500 increments over the first eight semesters of the student's college attendance. Winners must use scholarship within six years of award, or prior to Fall semester 2023.

In order to receive their award, students must be enrolled in college by September 2017, remain in good standing while at the college/university of their choice, and provide the following:

- Students will be required to send official transcripts each quarter/semester to the Economic Club for verification.
- Students will be required to provide a copy of financial aid summary from the college or university they attend to the Economic Club.
- Students will be required to provide updated email, phone, and other contact information to the Economic Club.

All responsibilities and duties are understood when student applies for the scholarship.

## Application Instructions

1. Students must submit their completed hard-copy application to their senior guidance counselor by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, February 10, 2017. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed. The application is available online under the Education tab at [www.economicclub.org](http://www.economicclub.org).
2. Compile the following information, following the checklist below:
  - Student Information Form A (Your contact information)
  - Student Information Form B (Essay Responses)
  - Student separate page(s) of Essay Responses
  - Student Information Form C (Guidance Counselor recommendation)
  - Student Information Form D (Teacher recommendation)
  - A blank copy of Nominating Committee Form E, which will be completed by your principal or authorized representative should you be the winner
  - One copy of your high school transcript(s)
  - One copy of the Student Aid Report from the FAFSA form
3. Once this list above is completed, then you must:
  - Submit a hard-copy to your senior guidance counselor or principal

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:**  
**Friday February 10, 2017**  
**3:00 P.M.**

## Student Information Form A

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT NEATLY

1. Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. High School: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Student Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. #: \_\_\_\_\_
4. City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Student Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Can you receive text messages?  Yes  No
6. Student's nationality:  U.S. Citizen  Other country of citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_
7. Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*\* A valid email address is **REQUIRED***
8. Parent/Guardian Name/Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_
9. Parent/Guardian Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_
10. Parent/Guardian Phone: \_\_\_\_\_
11. Has a family member or anyone in your household been a previous winner of The David M. Rubenstein/Economic Club of Washington, D.C. Scholarship? (*Your answer does not affect your qualification for the award*).  
 Yes  No If Yes, name of winner and year of award: \_\_\_\_\_
12. DC OneApp must be completed and properly submitted before applying for this scholarship.  
 Yes, my DC OneApp has been completed and submitted. (*Do not attach DC OneApp*)
13. Name of College/University you plan to attend or to which you have applied (*please use extra pages if needed*):  
Name of College/University: \_\_\_\_\_  
City & State: \_\_\_\_\_  
Status:  Accepted  Denied  Waiting for response  Other  
Name of College/University: \_\_\_\_\_  
City & State: \_\_\_\_\_  
Status:  Accepted  Denied  Waiting for response  Other  
Name of College/University: \_\_\_\_\_  
City & State: \_\_\_\_\_  
Status:  Accepted  Denied  Waiting for response  Other

**I attest that I am a citizen of the United States or a U.S. lawful permanent resident, and that all information in this application is my own work, is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.**

Student signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Student Information Form B

### Instructions:

Type essays and proofread for spelling or grammatical errors. Respond to all essay questions in Section One and choose one essay in Section Two.

### SECTION ONE: SHORT ANSWER ESSAYS

Type your responses to each of the following essay questions in a few complete sentences.

1. Why did you choose the college(s) to which you are applying?
2. What is your intended major and why did you choose it?
3. What profession do you wish to practice in adulthood? Where would you like to be professionally in 10 years?
4. Describe any college preparatory programs in which you were involved. If not involved in any formal programs, please describe how you are preparing for college, and who is guiding or helping you in your effort.
5. List the activities in which you have participated both inside and outside of high school in the order of your interest. Provide a brief explanation of each. Emphasize any leadership positions.

### SECTION TWO: PERSONAL ESSAY

Choose **one** of the following three topics below and type a thoughtful, well-written essay that is between 300-500 words.

- A. If you had the power to change three things in your community or in the world, what would you change and why?
- B. Tell us about the neighborhood in which you grew up and how it helped shape who you are today, where you want to go in the future and where you want to be.
- C. Who has been your inspiration and role model in your life? Tell how this relationship evolved and how it impacted your decision to attend college.

## Student Information Form C

TO BE COMPLETED BY GUIDANCE COUNSELOR - PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT NEATLY

### Guidance Counselor Recommendation

The student below is applying for The Economic Club of Washington, D.C. scholarship. The Economic Club seeks students with motivation, good character and academic promise.

Directions: Please complete the following information and attach an extra sheet if necessary. Please provide as much information as possible, including concrete examples, to support this student's scholarship application. Please do not write on the back of this form.

1. Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of High School: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Name of Counselor: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Title: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Email: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Direct Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

7. How long and in what capacity have you known this student?

8. Please assess this student's academic strengths, artistic ability, social and leadership potential. Please illustrate with concrete examples. (Attach an extra sheet, if necessary.)

9. Please indicate the appropriate answer to the following. This student...

Achieves a grade of C or above in all required courses during the senior year  YES  NO  can't assess

Feels strongly about going to college  YES  NO  can't assess

Is encouraged by her/his family to pursue higher education  YES  NO  can't assess

Is active in extracurricular activities/community service  YES  NO  can't assess

Has demonstrated academic motivation and tenacity  YES  NO  can't assess

Is college competitive  YES  NO  can't assess

Has high need for financial assistance while in college  YES  NO  can't assess

10. Counselor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Student Information Form D

TO BE COMPLETED BY TEACHER - PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT NEATLY

### Teacher Recommendation

The student below is applying for The Economic Club of Washington D.C. scholarship. The Economic Club seeks students with motivation, good character and academic promise.

Directions: Please complete the following information and attach an extra sheet if necessary. Please provide as much information as possible, including concrete examples, to support this student's scholarship application. Please do not write on the back of this form.

1. Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of High School: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Name of Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Title: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Email: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Direct Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

7. How long and in what capacity have you known this student?

8. Please assess this student's academic strengths, artistic ability, social and leadership potential. Please illustrate with concrete examples. (Attach an extra sheet, if necessary.)

9. Please indicate the appropriate answer to the following. This student...

Achieves a grade of C or above in all required courses  YES  NO  can't assess

during the senior year

Feels strongly about going to college  YES  NO  can't assess

Is encouraged by her/his family to pursue higher education  YES  NO  can't assess

Is active in extracurricular activities/community service  YES  NO  can't assess

Has demonstrated academic motivation and tenacity  YES  NO  can't assess

Is college competitive  YES  NO  can't assess

Has high need for financial assistance while in college  YES  NO  can't assess

10. Teacher's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## Nominating Committee Form E

**OFFICIAL USE ONLY.**  
**TO BE FILLED OUT BY PRINCIPAL/AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE**

**If you have questions about this form...**

**DCPS:** Contact Ms. Olutosin Akinyode 202.494.1600 [olutosin.akinyode@dc.gov](mailto:olutosin.akinyode@dc.gov)  
**DC Public Charter Schools:** Contact Ms. Linda Larson 202.481.3259 [scholarship@economicclub.org](mailto:scholarship@economicclub.org)

**Summary:** The David M. Rubenstein/Economic Club of Washington D.C. scholarship provides an award of \$20,000 to select DC students who have been nominated by participating high schools. The principal of each school is required to form a Nominating Committee consisting of the principal and two additional faculty members. Principals are required to disclose the name, title and contact information for each of the nominating committee members.

**Instructions:** Principal or Authorized Representative of each DC Public School or Public Charter School should fill out Nominating Committee Form E for each nominee and submit entire application including attachments by close of business **Friday, February 24, 2017** by email as follows:

For DC Public School applications: Email: [olutosin.akinyode@dc.gov](mailto:olutosin.akinyode@dc.gov)

For DC Public Charter School applications: Email: [scholarship@economicclub.org](mailto:scholarship@economicclub.org)

**Authorization:**

- List total number of applications received and reviewed by Nominating Committee: \_\_\_\_\_
- I hereby nominate and select \_\_\_\_\_,  
*Student name*  
Attending \_\_\_\_\_ *High School* to win the 2017 Scholarship.
- I certify that this student is currently a senior in high school and meets the following criteria: 1) is motivated to attend an institution of higher learning, 2) has identified an institution of higher learning to attend in the fall of 2017, 3) has demonstrated the hard work and commitment necessary to achieve the goal of attending an institution of higher learning, and 4) possesses qualities that will aid in the student's ultimate goal of graduating from a four year institution.

Please list the Nominating Committee Members (Principal plus two other faculty members):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Authorized Committee Representative*

## Addendum: List of Eligible High Schools

### DC Public High Schools

School	Scholarships	Principal	Phone Number
Anacostia	2	Eric Fraser	202-698-2155
Ballou	2	Yetunde Reeves	202-645-3400
Benjamin Banneker	2	Anita Berger	202-671-6320
Cardozo	2	Tanya Roane	202-673-7385
Columbia Heights (Bell Multicultural)	2	Maria Tukeva	202-939-7700
Coolidge	2	Richard Jackson	202-671-6080
Duke Ellington School of the Arts	2	Desepe De Vargas	202-282-0123
Dunbar	2	Abdullah Zaki	202-698-3762
Eastern	2	Sah Brown	202-698-4500
H.D. Woodson	2	Darrin Slade	202-939-2030
Luke C. Moore	2	Jada Langston	202-281-3600
McKinley Technology	2	Louise Jones	202-281-3950
Phelps Architecture, Construction, and Engineering	2	Willie Jackson	202-729-4360
Roosevelt	2	Aqueelah James	202-576-6130
School Without Walls	2	Richard Trogisch	202-645-9690
Washington Metropolitan	2	Michael Alexander	202-939-3610
Woodrow Wilson	2	Kim Martin	202-282-0120

### DC Public Charter Schools

School	Scholarships	Principal	Phone Number
Capital City	1	Belicia Reaves	202-808-9800
Cesar Chavez - Capitol Hill	1	Oriel Robinson-Taylor	202-547-3424
Cesar Chavez - Parkside	1	William Massey	202-398-2230
E.L. Haynes	1	Phyllis Hedlund	202-706-5838
Friendship Collegiate Academy	2	Dwan Jordon	202-396-5500
Integrated Design and Electronics Academy (IDEA)	1	Justin Rydstrom	202-399-4750
KIPP DC College Preparatory	1	Jessica Cunningham	202-678-2527
National Collegiate	1	Dianne Brown	202-832-7737
Richard Wright	1	Marco Clark	202-388-1011
Thurgood Marshall Academy	1	Melanie Sala	202-563-6862
Washington Latin	1	Diana Smith	202-223-1111
Washington Math, Science, and Technology	2	N'Deye Diagne	202-636-8011