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ESTACI Young Leaders Scholarship Awards

ESTACI Pathways Out Of Poverty Young Leaders Scholarship Award - \$2,500

Recognizing the inter-relatedness of racism, sexism, and poverty, the recipient of this annual award and accompanying scholarship is selected from graduating seniors who have already made a difference in helping to reduce racism, sexism, and/or poverty on the Eastern Shore of Virginia. They may demonstrate leadership in church, civic, school, neighborhood or other settings, in either formal or informal capacities.

Most important is that a nominee distinguish her/himself as a leader who demonstrates a commitment to overcoming racism, sexism, and/or poverty, or helping others to do so. Titled leadership positions will not weigh as much as a track record of action over time that demonstrates the commitment. This award is seeking those leaders who are active in their communities, for whom post-secondary education might otherwise be financially unattainable, and who may be overlooked by traditional leadership awards due to racism, sexism, and/or poverty.

An individual should be nominated by two members of the community familiar with the student's leadership activities relative to ending racism, sexism, and/or poverty, thereby improving the standard of living of others. The nominations should speak to this work, and to the character of the nominee.

The nominee will complete the award application and submit, together with the two nominations, a copy of school transcripts, and a self-authored statement. In the statement, the nominee shall describe what he or she believes are pathways out of poverty, her or his reasons for undertaking the particular leadership activities chosen, leadership lessons taken from their experiences, and how his or her chosen work alleviates or will alleviate racism, sexism, and/or poverty, and make a contribution toward improving the standard of living for at least some residents of the Eastern Shore of Virginia.

Open to graduating seniors attending high schools in Accomack and Northampton Counties. Scholarships can be used for any post-secondary education including college, university, trade school, or other educational endeavor. Scholarship Awards are payable directly to the secondary educational institution or to the student, upon providing proof of enrollment to the ESTACI Young Leaders Scholarship Awards Committee.

Scholarship winners must be willing to allow their photos to be used for scholarship promotional purposes, and to share their stories and successes with prospective future scholars and scholarship funders.

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ESTACI Career Choice Young Leaders Scholarship Award - \$2,500

The recipient of this annual award and accompanying scholarship will be selected from graduating seniors who have demonstrated leadership in their chosen field of study despite challenges of racism, sexism, and/or poverty, regardless of involvement in extracurricular activities, and for whom post-secondary education might otherwise be financially unattainable. Leadership positions in academic organizations will not count as much as a track record of successful academic achievement

which demonstrates determination, personal leadership in the context of the student's community environment, and commitment to a career goal.

An individual should be nominated by two members of the community familiar with the student's leadership/academic accomplishments. The nominations should speak to the student's work, leadership qualities, and to the character of the nominee.

The nominee will complete the award application, and submit, together with the two nominations, a copy of school transcripts, and a self-authored statement in which the nominee describes her or his academic accomplishments. Nominees should describe leadership lessons taken from their personal growth and experiences, how their career choice might make a difference in the lives of their family and community, and how their career goals have developed or evolved over time.

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ESTACI YOUNG LEADERS SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

ESTACI Pathways out of Poverty Young Leaders Scholarship Award
ESTACI Career Choice Young Leaders Scholarship Award

APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY APRIL 30,
OR RECEIVED ELECTRONICALLY BY 11:59pm APRIL 30.

MAIL APPLICATIONS TO: ESTACI SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
3100 Main Street, Exmore, VA 23350 (OR) peaceworkscenter@yahoo.com

COMPLETE APPLICATION ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES.

- Complete questions on pages 1, 2, and 3
- Write and attach personal statement for each scholarship award for which you are applying (pages 4 and 5).

BE SURE TO ATTACH:

- Official copy of high school transcripts, current through the end of the first semester, Senior Year. If e-mailing application, scan and attach copies of all originals; subject line must indicate "SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION". If applicant is called for an interview, originals must be presented at the interview. Any altered paperwork is grounds for disqualification.
- Nominations from two members of the community familiar with your leadership work.
 - For ESTACI Pathways Out Of Poverty Young Leaders Scholarship Award, an individual should be nominated by two members of the community familiar with the student's leadership activities relative to ending poverty, racism, or sexism, or improving the standard of living of others. The nominations should speak to this work, and to the character of the nominee.
 - For ESTACI Career Choice Young Leaders Scholarship Award, an individual should be nominated by two members of the community familiar with the student's scholarship, leadership activities, and career preparation. Nominations should speak to the nominee's character and career potential.

Awards and Scholarships are open to graduating seniors attending high schools in Accomack and Northampton County, Virginia whose families can demonstrate an economic barrier preventing their child from pursuing post-secondary education.

The scholarships can be used for any post-secondary education, including community college, university, trade school, or other educational endeavor. Awards are payable directly to the secondary educational institution or to the student upon providing proof of enrollment to the scholarship committee.

Students may apply for either, or both awards. If student applies for both awards, a single application may be submitted, but the applicant is expected to submit two different self-authored statements; each will address the specific qualities associated with the individual awards. Similarly, the same individuals may nominate a student for both awards, but the nominations must speak to the specific qualities associated with each award.

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**ESTACI YOUNG LEADERS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD
APPLICATION**

Date: _____

Student Information

Name: _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Address: _____
(911 Address)

(Mailing Address, if different. If same, write "SAME")

Phone: (____) _____
(Best contact phone number) (Best time to contact) Alternate Phone/s

High School: _____

Parent / Primary Caregiver information: Fill out all that apply

Primary Caregiver's Name: _____ Relationship _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Additional Caregiver's Name: _____ Relationship _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Additional Caregiver's Name: _____ Relationship _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Additional Caregiver's Name: _____ Relationship _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

With whom does student live most of the time? _____

Student's Post-High School Plans

Universities/colleges/trade schools to which student has applied, been accepted, and plans to attend:

Planned field(s) of study: _____

Other comments about intended future study or career:

Nominator's Information (to be completed by the student)

Each student must be nominated by two individuals in the community familiar with the student's leadership activities. Nominations should speak to this work, and to the character of the nominee.

For each nominator, please provide full name, contact information, length of acquaintance, and explain how they are acquainted with the work which qualifies you for this scholarship.

First nominator's Name: _____ Length of Acquaintance: _____ yr/mo

How do you know the person who nominated you for this scholarship? _____

Describe opportunities this person has had to observe you in leadership positions or your leadership potential.

Nominator's Information (to be completed by the student)

Each student must be nominated by two individuals in the community familiar with the student's leadership activities. Nominations should speak to this work, and to the character of the nominee.

For each nominator, please provide full name, contact information, length of acquaintance, and explain how they are acquainted with the work which qualifies you for this scholarship.

Second nominator's Name: _____ Length of Acquaintance: _____ yr/mo

How do you know the person who nominated you for this scholarship? _____

Describe opportunities this person has had to observe you in leadership positions or your leadership potential.

APPLICANT NAME: _____ (in case application pages become separated)

In this space describe any volunteer or extracurricular activities that you would like to share that you WILL NOT be describing in your self-authored personal statement. This could include church and school activities, civic groups, scouting, or Boys and Girls Club, 4-H; or you could describe informal activities you do (“I baby sit for my neighbor every week so she can study to get her GED.”) This is your space to tell us anything you would like the scholarship committee to consider that you will not be including in your self-authored personal statement. (Hint: you might want to write the statement first, then come back to this section for those things that did not fit into the personal statement).

APPLICANT NAME: _____ (in case application pages become separated)

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**ESTACI PATHWAYS OUT OF POVERTY YOUNG LEADERS
SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

APPLICANT'S SELF-AUTHORED STATEMENT

Describe the interrelatedness of poverty, racism, and sexism, and the leadership activity or activities you have undertaken to alleviate any of those conditions on the Eastern Shore of Virginia. What were your reasons for undertaking the particular leadership activity or activities you chose? Do you think your chosen work make a difference in alleviating poverty, racism, or sexism in the short or long term? How?

Describe leadership lessons you have taken from your experiences, and how they will inform the next leadership project you undertake. What did you learn from the community in which you were working, and what did they learn from you?

(You may attach one additional page if needed. The signature at the bottom of this page applies to the entire statement, even if an additional page is submitted.)

I certify that this statement was written by me, in my own words, as an expression of my experience and qualifications for the ESTACI Pathways out of Poverty Young Leaders Scholarship Award.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: _____

APPLICANT'S NAME (Printed): _____

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ESTACI CAREER CHOICE YOUNG LEADERS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

APPLICANT'S SELF-AUTHORED STATEMENT

Describe any leadership roles you have had. What are some of the leadership lessons you learned? Describe how you grew personally and as a leader as a result of those roles. In what other ways have your leadership lessons made a difference in your life? Has the way you think about leaders or your leadership philosophy developed or evolved over time? If so, in what ways? If not, why do you think not? How do you think your career goals might impact the lives of your family and community?

(You may attach one additional page if needed. The signature at the bottom of this page applies to the entire statement, even if an additional page is submitted.)

I certify that this statement was written by me, in my own words, as an expression of my experience and qualifications for the ESTACI Leadership Award and Scholarship.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: _____

APPLICANT'S NAME (Printed): _____