



ESTACI YOUNG LEADERS SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS 2022

Sponsored by ESTACI's Empowering Women & Girls Initiative

Recognizing the inter-relatedness of racism, sexism, and poverty, the recipient of the \$2500 ESTACI Young Leaders Scholarship Awards will be selected from graduating seniors who have demonstrated academic success in their chosen field of study, **despite challenges of racism, sexism, and/or poverty.** ESTACI is seeking those student leaders for whom post-secondary education might otherwise be financially unattainable, and who may be overlooked by traditional scholarship awards due to socio-economic challenges which may have prevented them from participating in traditional extracurricular activities on campus.

Most important is that a nominee distinguish her/himself as a leader who demonstrates a commitment to overcoming racism, sexism, and/or poverty, and helping others to do so.

Titled leadership positions will not weigh as much as a track record of personal action over time that demonstrates this commitment to overcoming racism, sexism, and/or poverty.

Individuals should submit reference letters from 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 / quality of life of others. The reference letters should speak to this work, and to the character of the nominee.

The candidate will complete and submit the scholarship application, along with two sealed letters of reference and a **sealed, official school transcript (including grades for Senior year fall semester)**, to ESTACI's Scholarship Committee, 3100 Main St, Exmore VA 23350 **by May 14.** **Please be sure to request that your transcripts include your senior year fall semester grades!!** Otherwise-qualified applicants have been disqualified for submitting official transcripts only through their junior year.

ESTACI Young Leaders Scholarship Awards are open to graduating seniors attending high schools in Accomack and Northampton Counties. **Scholarship awards may be used for any post-secondary education program including certificate, trade school, college or other educational endeavor.** Scholarship Awards are payable directly to the secondary educational institution or to the student, upon providing proof of acceptance and enrollment into the chosen institution 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. Recipients must be willing to work with an ESTACI-assigned mentor throughout the term of the scholarship to outline and track progress toward educational goals.



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APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MAY 14, 2022.

SEND APPLICATIONS TO: ESTACI SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE, 3100 Main St, Exmore VA 23350

COMPLETE AND SUBMIT APPLICATION ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES, **ALONG WITH THIS COVER PAGE.**

INCLUDE THIS CHECKLIST:

- _____ 1. Completed Application, pages 2-5 (**including essay on page 5**);
- _____ 2. Two original letters of reference from members of the community familiar with your leadership work, who can **speak to your volunteer activities relative to ending racism, sexism and/or poverty**, as well as to the quality of your character;
- _____ 3. Official copy of your high school transcripts, **INCLUDING GRADES FOR FALL SEMESTER SENIOR YEAR!** *You might want to show this to the person in the office providing your transcript to you.* Applicants have been disqualified for providing transcripts which did not include fall semester senior year grades.

Scholarship Awards are open to graduating seniors attending high schools in Accomack and Northampton Counties, VA 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 trade school, community college, university, 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.

NAME _____

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____



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APPLICATION

DATE _____

Student Information

Name of Applicant

(First) (Middle) (Last)

Student's Address _____
(residential address)

(mailing address, if different)

Phone Number/s

Please indicate best contact number

Name of High School _____

Parent / Primary Caregiver/s Information – Fill out all that apply

Primary Caregiver Information _____ Relationship _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Primary Caregiver's phone number/s _____

Additional Caregiver Information _____ Relationship _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Additional Caregiver's phone number/s _____

With whom does student live most of the time? _____



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Student's Post-High School Plans

Colleges/Technical Schools/Universities to which student has been accepted, and plans to attend:

Student's planned field/s of study

Comments about intended future study or career?

Reference #1 - Information

Name of reference person nominating you _____ How long have they known you? _____ How do you know this person?

Describe opportunities this person has had to observe your leadership qualities. _____

Reference #2 - Information

Name of reference person nominating you _____ How long have they known you? _____ How do you know this person?

Describe opportunities this person has had to observe your leadership qualities. _____

Be sure to include letters from each of these References in your submission package.

Be sure to complete essay on next page.



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APPLICANT'S SELF-AUTHORED STATEMENT

In the self-authored statement, you may describe your volunteer activities and academic accomplishments in light of any personal / family socio-economic challenges, your reasons for undertaking the particular volunteer activities chosen, leadership lessons taken from your volunteer and academic experiences, and how your career choice might make a difference in the lives of your family and community, 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.

You may include leadership activities in church, civic, school, neighborhood, family or other settings, in either formal or informal capacities. Examples might include supporting community level classes in ESOL, literacy, or GED; tutoring younger children, voter registration, assisting/teaching Sunday School classes; caring for young, elderly, or ill family or community members so someone else can work or attend school.

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

APPLICANT'S NAME (Printed) _____

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE _____

Please sign your name at the bottom of any additional pages that are used.