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"Facing Our Future Together: A New Way Forward"

A Scholarship Note From

Dr. Chuck Baker, Chairperson
PBCOHE, Inc. Scholarship Committee

The Pennsylvania Black Conference on Higher Education, Inc. will award seven (7) \$1,000 scholarships to talented undergraduate and graduate students in the Commonwealth. We invite you to share the enclosed application with your students. **All completed applications are to be submitted to the address on the application on or before Friday, April 18, 2025. Only applications that are complete will be accepted and electronic applications are preferred. Therefore, the committee recommends that you email all applicant material together in one email. If you desire to send the application via United States Postal Service mail, you may email me follow-up to inquire if I received your packet of information. The committee does not examine material for completeness prior to scoring for scholarship awards and the committee does not email students who have missing documents in their packet. The student is responsible for submitting the entire packet of material in one packet to the email address (or mailing address) for Dr. Baker below. Electronic transcripts should be sent directly from the Registrar at the applicant's institution to cbaker2@dccc.edu. Mailed transcripts should be received sealed to the physical address below.**

If any of the prospective applicants have questions, they are encouraged to contact me at their earliest convenience via e-mail at cbaker2@dccc.edu. Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Please note: Freshmen students (less than 30 completed credit hours) are NOT eligible to apply.

The scholarships will be awarded at the Annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon, which will be held at 12:30noon on May 30, 2025.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS MUST BE IN ATTENDANCE AT THE ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS LUNCHEON TO RECEIVE THEIR SCHOLARSHIP AWARD.

The Financial need of the applicants will be considered.

The scholarships and their respective criteria are herein listed:

The K. Leroy Irvis Undergraduate Scholarship (3)

ONE of these \$1000 scholarships will be awarded in each of the regions (Eastern, Central & Western) in Pennsylvania to undergraduate students who meet these criteria.

- Outstanding Scholarship.
- Extracurricular activity participation.
- Leadership qualities.
- Interpersonal qualities as alluded to by the student's references.
- Essay in no more than **five typewritten, double-spaced pages** on **"Why I Should Receive a K. Leroy Irvis Scholarship."**
- 3.0 or above grade point average.
- **Brief bio sketch and photograph (Photo for program booklet).**



The W. Terrell Jones Educational Equity Scholarship (1)

ALL of the criteria listed under the K. Leroy Irvis Scholarship category and:

- Evidence of work and/or volunteer service in the area of educational equity.
- Essay in no more than five typewritten, double-spaced pages on “**Why I should Receive the W. Terrell Jones Educational Equity Scholarship.**”

The Robert D. Lynch Leadership Scholarship (1)

ALL of the criteria listed under the K. Leroy Irvis Scholarship category, with special emphasis on the student’s leadership skills and academic record, and:

- Must have attended the Robert D. Lynch Student Leadership Development Institute (SLDI).
- Essay in no more than five typewritten, double-spaced pages on “**Why I should receive the Robert D. Lynch Leadership Scholarship.**”

The Esther-Jafari Haymon Scholarship (1)

The successful recipient of this scholarship must meet the following criteria:

- Valid registration at a college or university in Pennsylvania with a **financial need**.
- **Grade Point Average of 2.0 and above.**
- Be at least in sophomore year of matriculation.
- Student must demonstrate leadership skills and participation in co-curricular activities.
- Three letters of recommendation are required. One of the three letters of recommendation **MUST** come **from your Financial Aid Office stipulating your need.**
- Essay in no more than five typewritten, double-spaced pages on “**Why I Should Receive the Esther-Jafari Haymon Scholarship.**”

The John S. Shropshire Graduate Scholarship (1)

ALL of the criteria listed under the K. Leroy Irvis Scholarship category and:

- Earned six graduate credits/hours of study (minimum)
- Essay in no more than five typewritten, double-spaced pages on “**Why I Should Receive the John S. Shropshire Graduate Scholarship.**”



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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Please place a check beside the scholarship for which you are applying.

The K. Leroy Irvis PBCOHE Scholarship

Western Region (1)

Central Region (1)

Eastern Region (1)

The John S. Shropshire Graduate Scholarship (1)

The Robert D. Lynch Leadership Scholarship (1)

The W. Terrell Jones Educational Equity Scholarship(1)

The Esther-Jafari Haymon Scholarship (1)

This application should be accompanied by (application will be considered incomplete without the following):

Pages 1 and 2 of the Scholarship Application (**MUST BE INCLUDED IN THE APPLICATION PACKAGE**)

ESSAY not to exceed **five typewritten, double-spaced pages** on “Why I Should Receive a (name of scholarship) PBCOHE Scholarship Award.”

OFFICIAL college transcript (mailed in sealed envelope from your school Registrar or through electronic transmission from your school Registrar).

THREE letters of recommendation. One letter **must** come from a college professor, but may also come from a counselor and/or any professional person who will discuss the candidate in relation to the following criteria: 1) Scholarship; 2) Interpersonal Skills; 3) Leadership; 4) Writing, speaking, computational skills; and 5) Any other observations about the candidate which may assist the Scholarship Committee in their evaluation of the candidate.

A **brief bio sketch** and **photograph** (for the scholarship publication).

First semester freshmen are NOT eligible to apply.

NO APPLICATION WILL BE CONSIDERED COMPLETE UNLESS APPLICATION PAGES 1 AND 2, AN OFFICIAL UPDATED TRANSCRIPT, ESSAY, AND THREE LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION ARE RECEIVED



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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Personal Background Information:

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

Home Address: _____
Number and Street

City, State Zip Code

Home Phone: () _____ Cell Phone: () _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Male ___ Female ___ U.S. Citizen ___ Yes ___ No

Educational Information:

Full Name of Institution you are currently attending: _____

School address (if different from above): _____
Box #, Dorm

City State Zip Code

Institution's PBCOHE Region in Pennsylvania: ___ Eastern ___ Central ___ Western

Please check present academic classification:

___ Sophomore ___ Junior ___ Senior ___ Graduate Grade Point Avg _____

County of Institution: _____

Major Course of Study: _____

Minor: _____

Contact Telephone: () _____ - _____

Please Return To:

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Applications MUST be submitted on or before April 18, 2025