



**Baltimore County
African American Cultural Festival, Inc.**

2017 Scholarship Criteria and Application

Awards up to \$1,500.00

General Criteria

1. Must be a student of a Baltimore County Public High School
2. A **cumulative** GPA of at least 2.5
3. Entering college (two or 4 year), trade or vocational school Fall 2017
4. Must demonstrate a commitment to volunteer and community involvement
5. **Incomplete and inaccurate applications will not be considered**

PACKET MUST INCLUDE

1. Complete Application
2. Copy of combined SAT Scores
3. Official copy of high school transcript
4. ***Signed authorization allowing scholarship committee to obtain updated GPA***
5. Copy of acceptance letter from College or University, trade or vocational school
6. Two Letters of Recommendation - *(one must verify volunteer or community service)*

DEADLINE

All scholarship packets must be received by **4:00 p.m., Thursday, April 28, 2017**

MAILING ADDRESS

Send scholarship packets to:

Baltimore County African American Cultural Festival, Inc.
ATTN: 2017 SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
P.O. Box 5518
Towson, MD 21285

FOR QUESTIONS & CLARIFICATIONS

CONTACT:

Cynthia T. deJesus, Chairperson
2017 Scholarship Committee
443-831-6827



PART II

LIST HONORS / AWARDS RECEIVED:

LIST CLUBS / MEMBERSHIPS AND OFFICES HELD:

PART III

I, _____, declare that all of the above statements are true. I am also willing to appear for a personal interview or to forward any additional information, if necessary. I further understand that this scholarship will be awarded in a lump sum for one year (2017). I agree to accept the decision of the Baltimore County African American Festival Cultural Association, Inc.

Signature

Date

PART IV

ESSAY GUIDELINES

Choose One of the Following Topics, and Answer in 1000 Words or Less

1. In view of the recent protest by Colin Kapernick of the San Francisco 49'ers to take a knee during the singing of the national anthem, much attention has been brought to the treatment of African Americans by law enforcement. What are your views on the meaning of Colin Kapernick's protest and the role that athlete's play in addressing social justice issues?
2. The Black Lives Matter movement has made great efforts to address how the lives of Black people are marginalized by many in American society. This has not been without controversy and criticism from both detractors and supporters of the movement. Partially, in response to some of its critics, the movement has drafted a set of goals. What do you think of the goals and work of the Black Lives Matter movement?
3. After a contentious campaign, Donald Trump was elected president of the United States. Many people, including many African Americans were upset at the outcome. Write an essay answering the following questions. First, why were so many African Americans bothered by the result of the election? Secondly, what should those who are displeased with the result of the election do about it?
4. Throughout American history, there have been many extraordinary African American artists who have produced important works that have entertained, inspired and educated people all over the world. Write an essay about an African American writer, visual artist, or musical artist whose work you think is inspiring and important. Explain why his or her work is important and how their work has impacted you?

