

PURPOSE

The Red Black & Love Scholarship Fund was established in 2018. The purpose of Red Black & Love, Inc.® is to provide financial assistance to deserving graduating high school seniors from New Hanover, Brunswick, Pender, and surrounding counties as they prepare to attend institutions of higher learning.

GUIDELINES

DEADLINE to submit this application is *Friday, December 27, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.* Email your scholarship application and all the required documents to rbl.scholarship@gmail.com.

You will be notified, by email and/or phone, about your application status by **Friday, January 17, 2025**.

Applicants must currently hold a minimum 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale or a minimum 3.5 GPA on a 5.0 scale.

Scholarship recipient(s) must be accepted as a full-time student at an accredited college, university, or trade school/community college program for the upcoming 2025-2026 academic year. Documentation of acceptance is required before award is presented.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION – *Incomplete applications will not be considered.*

1. **Attach your most recent unofficial high school transcript.** An official transcript is requested if awarded a scholarship.
2. **Write an essay. Here is the essay topic and formatting requirements.**
 - a. **Topic –**

The lived experience of African Americans in the United States is being met with declining civility, particularly when it comes to anti-blackness in higher education.

What should be done to ensure anti-blackness, and any form of discrimination directed at marginalized groups of society, is eradicated on college campuses—in and out of the classroom?

How will your chosen field of study make a difference in this area?
 - b. **Format - The essay must be:**
 - i. Word file attachment only-do not submit a PDF
 - ii. Double-spaced
 - iii. One-inch (1”) margins
 - iv. Times New Roman font
 - v. 12-point size
 - vi. 500-words minimum and 600-words maximum
3. **Three (3) letters of recommendation from the requested sources and attach them with the completed application.** Here are the sources:
 - a. Attach a letter of recommendation from your **high school** teacher OR counselor OR principal on the school letterhead.

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- b. Attach a letter of recommendation from a leader of a **community organization and/or house of worship** on the organization letterhead.
 - c. Attach a letter of recommendation from an **unrelated person** of your choosing.
- Please complete and return per the instructions found in the Guidelines. If anything is not applicable, enter “N/A” in the space.

Enter the scholarship applicant’s legal name. (required)

Last name
First name
Middle name

Enter the scholarship applicant’s mailing address. (required)

Street name or Post Office Box
City, State, Zip Code

Enter the scholarship applicant’s phone number. (required)

Area code + phone number

Enter the scholarship applicant’s email address. (required)

List the names of your top three (3) college choices. (required)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

What is your intended major area of study and minor (if applicable)? (required)

Major
Minor

Will you live on campus? Select only one option. (required)

Yes No Maybe

Extra-Curricular Activities – List your high school (freshman to senior year) extra-curricular activities and any leadership roles (president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, etc.) for each activity. Use an additional sheet of paper if you need more space.

Activity

Leadership Role

Organizations – List community organizations where you have served or volunteered. Include the years you were active and list your leadership roles. Use an additional sheet of paper if you need more space.

Organization & Years Present

Leadership Role

Recognition – List any awards or recognition received during high school only. Use an additional sheet of paper if you need more space.

Awards or Recognition Received

Applicant signature

Date

REMINDERS

Email your complete scholarship package to rbl.scholarship@gmail.com

Friday, December 27, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. – Application Deadline

Friday, January 17, 2025 – Scholarship Recipient (s) Award Notification Date

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