



SOUTH SUBURBAN CULTURAL ENRICHMENT ORGANIZATION

*"Preparing Today's Youth to be Tomorrow's Leaders"*

## Scholarship Application – 2025/2026

Please Print or Type. Only Legible applications will be processed.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Pronoun \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_, IL.

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ (please indicate the grading scale which applies) \_\_\_\_ 4.0 \_\_\_\_ 5.0

What College do you plan to attend? \_\_\_\_\_

What are your Academic Goals (major area of study)?

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What are your Career Goals?

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### EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY

Club/Organization/Group	Position/ Role	Length of Time Participating
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____



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**List any honors and awards you've received.**

Name of Honor/Award	Reason for Award	Year Awarded
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____

**Community Service**

Organization	Position/ Role	Length of Time Participating
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____

***Please provide an essay on the following topic:***

*The essay must be typed double-spaced using 12 font size and a minimum of 250 words.*

**If you could instill one "rule" in your community, what would it be, what steps would you take to implement it and why, and how would you enforce it?**

*Note: Your essay should be original in thought. You should speak in your voice and be authentic in your answer.*

**Applicant Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Yes. In the event I am awarded a scholarship I, hereby consent to SSCEO using my photograph and/or likeness in any SSCEO print, publicity, and online media.

\_\_\_\_ No. I do not give my consent.

**Mail to: SSCEO**

**P.O. Box 155**

**Matteson, IL. 60443-0155**



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### **Scholarship Application-2024/2025**

#### **Eligibility:**

- Must be a high school senior, be Black/African American or of African descent, and planning to attend a four-year college or university.
- Must have a current minimum cumulative G.P.A. of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale or a 3.44 on a 5.0 grading scale. Be advised that the GPA must be included on the transcript.
- Must not be a debutante or beau or the child of an SSCEO board member.
- Must reside in the South Suburbs of Chicago.

#### **Requirements:**

- Submit an official high school transcript including 1<sup>st</sup> semester senior grades.
- Transcript must be in a separate sealed envelope.\* It must show the high school seal or stamp. Transcripts must be mailed from the high school or the 3rd party clearinghouse used by the school district. \* Transcript should be mailed to the SSCEO P.O. Box.
- Submit a typed, double-spaced response to the essay topic with a minimum of 250 words. Attach additional sheets if necessary.
- Submit a copy of your acceptance letter from the institution you are attending.
- Submit one letter of recommendation from a teacher or counselor. Letter must be signed and must address SSCEO.  
Submit one letter documenting active community service on official letterhead.  
Additionally, in one paragraph respond to the question: How has your community service experience made you think differently about others or yourself?
- Letters of recommendation from parents and/or guardians will not meet the submission requirement.

#### **Criteria**

- Must participate in a virtual interview if selected as a finalist. Business Attire.
- Must attend the Society Ball on Sunday, April 26, 2026, from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Failure to attend the event during the award presentation will result in forfeiture of the award.
- The Scholarship Award must be redeemed within 60 days.

**Note:** Any false statements will disqualify the applicant from further consideration.

**All applications MUST be postmarked by March 28, 2026.**

**Mail to:**

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P.O. Box 155  
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