



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)?

What are your Career Goals?

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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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 1st 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.*

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