



**A<sup>3</sup>** **ADVOCATES FOR AFRICAN-AMERICANS**

# **MIDWEST SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE**

**Email by**

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

The Advocates for African Americans (A<sup>3</sup>) Grant Scholarships are based on academic achievements, honors, school and community participation, career goals, and a letter of recommendation. Scholarships are “awarded” to students in undergraduate studies regardless of race, creed, religion, gender, or national origin. A panel of community judges select the recipients. Award amounts may vary from year-to-year.

If selected for a Scholarship award, a check from the Greater Cincinnati Foundation (in the full amount) will be sent directly to the school. You must continue to meet the criteria to remain eligible and reapply each year. You may apply for a maximum of four (4) years during your undergraduate career.

It is the goal of Advocates for African Americans to provide at least eight scholarships each year but this number may vary based on applicant pool and grant making ability of A<sup>3</sup>. Scholarships will be awarded based upon eligibility requirements and affiliation with an A<sup>3</sup> member.

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

### First Time Applicants:

1. Dependent children (natural, legally adopted, stepchildren, or legal wards) whose parents are members of the A<sup>3</sup> of Duke Energy will be given first consideration for the award.
2. Applicant must be a graduating high school/secondary school seniors or existing college student. Students must be accepted to or attending an accredited 2 or 4-year college or university. The educational institution must be qualified under IRS guidelines to receive contributions from the Duke Energy A<sup>3</sup> [Midwest] Scholarship Fund.
3. Each high school applicant is required to provide either Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) scores or American College Testing (ACT) scores and completed application forms as requested by specified deadlines. There is no minimum score required to apply.
4. The application must include copy of official high school/secondary school transcript, rank in class, grade point average, SAT or ACT scores, leadership and participation in school and community activities, honors and awards, a letter of recommendation by an unrelated adult who knows the student (e.g., high school/secondary school official, work supervisor, someone from the community, etc.), work experience, as well as a statement of educational and career goals.
5. Applicant must be a legal resident of one of the 3 states in Duke Energy’s Midwest operations area (KY, OH, IN).

### Reapplying College Applicants:

You must complete a scholarship application each year prior to the new academic year. All activities, awards, employment experiences, etc. from your high school and college career are to be listed. If you need more space, add a separate sheet (put your name on each extra sheet). Resumes are acceptable. Please note that students reapplying are not guaranteed an award.

1. Scholars must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or greater and carry a minimum of 12 hours per semester to reapply for their scholarship.
2. Awarded students who fall below the desired GPA may reapply once they regain the required criterion.

3. Copy of official semester grade transcripts must accompany application.

## APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

The following items must be complete and submitted as part of your application.

### \*\*\*CHECKLIST\*\*\*

- Completed Application
- School Records (copies)
  - Copy of Official Transcript (High School or College/University)
  - A letter of acceptance to an accredited college/university (High School only)
- Letter of Recommendation
- Career Objective (Essay at least 300 words) – Answer all questions
- All emailed documents should be submitted in PDF format.

### Suggestions for successful completion of your application:

- ☞ Allow adequate time for your letter of recommendation and transcript.
- ☞ Ask endorser to write your name and date in the upper right-hand corner of the letter.
- ☞ Review and verify all documents are complete. Scan and email application with supporting documentation by deadline to:

Email to: [ERGAAACincinnati@duke-energy.com](mailto:ERGAAACincinnati@duke-energy.com)

Subject line: “Applicant Name, 2020 A3 Scholarship”

**\*\*NO LATE, INCOMPLETE, OR FAXED APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED\*\***

If you have any questions, please email [ERGAAACincinnati@duke-energy.com](mailto:ERGAAACincinnati@duke-energy.com)

**PLEASE TYPE/PRINT NEATLY AND COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS NOTING N/A WHERE NOT APPLICABLE. (BLACK or BLUE ink only)**

**Completeness and neatness will ensure your application is reviewed properly.**

I. PERSONAL INFORMATION		
Name (Last, First, MI)	Telephone (Home)	Cell Phone
Home Address (Permanent)	City, State, Zip Code	
Date of Birth	Email Address	
Are you a dependent of an A <sup>3</sup> (Advocates for African Americans) Member?	Yes	No
Name of A <sup>3</sup> member:		
II. PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION		
Name (Last, First, MI)	Telephone (Home)	Cell Phone
Home Address (Permanent)	City, State, Zip Code	
Relationship to Applicant	Email	
II. EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND AND PLANS		
High School Name, Address, City, ST, Zip (High School Applicants Only)	Year of Graduation	
	Cumulative Grade Point Average	
	SAT Score: Verbal	Math      Writing
	ACT Composite Score	

<b>Name and Address of College or University Attending or Planning to Attend</b>	<b>Dates Attended (if attending school)</b>
	<b>Start Date (if not yet attending school)</b>
	<b>Anticipated Graduation Date</b>
	<b>Major or Field of Study</b>
	<b>Cumulative Grade Point Average</b>
	<b>Student ID Number</b>

**III. ACTIVITIES, HONORS, AWARDS, SERVICES**

**List extracurricular activities and service projects you have participated in and any positions held (athletics, debate, dramatics, music, publications, volunteer efforts, etc.)**

**List honors and awards received for academic achievement (Honor Society, National Merit, Recognition, etc.)**

**IV. EDUCATIONAL RECORDS**

**Include most recent high school copy of official transcript and all courses taken since high school (photocopies are accepted). Enclose a copy of your most recent copy of official transcript.**

**If enrolled in college, include a copy of your most recent copy of official transcript. If not enrolled, include a copy of your letter of acceptance.**

**V. CAREER OBJECTIVE**

**Discuss in 300 words or less your specific short-term goals. How will attending college help you to accomplish these goals? By receiving a college degree, what are some possible differences you can make in your community? Type your essay on a separate sheet of paper. (Essays may be shared with A<sup>3</sup> membership)**

**VI. LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION**

**Enclose a letter of recommendation (e.g., from a teacher, school official, supervisor, coach, etc.)**

I hereby acknowledge that all the information included in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that this application will not be considered for review unless all the information enclosed is signed and dated. I understand that, due to funding limitations, not every eligible applicant will receive an award. I also understand that all applications will be held confidential, but no application material will be returned.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE:

DATE:

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[ERGAAACincinnati@duke-energy.com](mailto:ERGAAACincinnati@duke-energy.com)