



A³ **ADVOCATES FOR AFRICAN-AMERICANS**

MIDWEST SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

APPLICATION DEADLINE

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GENERAL INFORMATION

The Advocates for African Americans (A³) Grant Scholarships are based on academic achievements, honors, school and community participation, career goals, and a letter of recommendation. Scholarships are “awarded” 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 (in the full amount) will be written co-payable to you and the school. The scholarship is renewable but you must maintain the criteria to remain eligible. If you fall below and become ineligible for renewal, you may reapply for a maximum of four (4) years during your undergraduate career.

A minimum of eight scholarships will be awarded based upon eligibility requirements and affiliation with an A³ member. At least one scholarship will be awarded to a college applicant and one to an at large member of the community.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

First Time Applicants:

1. Dependent children (natural, legally adopted, stepchildren, or legal wards) whose parents are members of the A³ 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 students. 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 A³ [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 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).

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).

1. Scholars must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or greater and carry a minimum of 12 hours per semester in order to renew their scholarship.
2. Awarded students who fall below the desired GPA may reapply once they regain this required criterion.
3. 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)
 - Transcript (High School or College/University)
 - A letter of acceptance to an accredited college/university (High School only)
- Letter of Recommendation (Not required for returning scholars)
- Career Objective (Essay at least 300 words) – Answer all questions

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: ERG_A3MWScholarship@duke-energy.com

Subject line: "Applicant Name, 2017 A3 Scholarship"

NO LATE, INCOMPLETE, OR FAXED APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

If you have any questions, please email ERGAAACincinnati@duke-energy.com

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT IN BLACK OR BLUE INK. COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS NOTING N/A WHERE NOT APPLICABLE.

I. PERSONAL INFORMATION		
Name	Telephone (Home)	Other Phone
Home Address		City, State, Zip Code
Date of Birth	Email Address	
Are you a dependent of an A³ (Advocates for African Americans) Member?		
	Yes	No
Name of A³ member:		
II. EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND AND PLANS		
High School Name, Address, City, ST, Zip	Year of Graduation	
	Cumulative Grade Point Average	
	SAT Score:	Verbal Math
	ACT Composite Score	
Name and Address of College or University Attending or Planning to Attend	Dates Attended (if attending school)	
	Start Date (if not yet attending school)	
	Anticipated Graduation Date	
	Major or Field of Study	
	Cumulative Grade Point Average	

III. ACTIVITIES, HONORS, AWARDS, SERVICES

List extracurricular activities and service projects in which you have participated 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 transcripts or all courses taken since high school (photocopies are accepted). Enclose a copy of your most recent grade report.

If enrolled in college, include a copy of your most recent grade report. 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 attending college will help you to accomplish these goals; and 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.

VI. LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

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

I hereby acknowledge that all of 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 of 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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