



## 2018 Kiwanis Club of Washington, D.C. Student Leader Awards

### **Award History and Applicant Eligibility**

Founded in 1997, the Kiwanis Club of Washington, D.C. Student Leader Awards – formerly the Joe Riley Youth Leadership Awards – recognize the outstanding leadership and achievements of students in the District of Columbia. The Club, founded in 1917, is part of a global volunteer organization dedicated to serving the children of the world.

**Eligibility:** Any graduating college-bound high school senior who both resides in and attends school in the District of Columbia is eligible to apply for this scholarship program. This includes students at public, private, and charter schools throughout DC. Applicants will be judged primarily on leadership qualities as demonstrated by contributions to school and community. Academic achievement as demonstrated by standardized test scores, grade point average, and transcripts will serve as a secondary scoring metric and financial need will also be evaluated.

**Awards:** A committee of Kiwanis volunteers will read and score all applications using the aforementioned eligibility criteria and will select a maximum of 15 semi-finalists, each of whom will receive a laptop computer and the Microsoft Office suite in recognition of their good work.

A maximum of six (6) finalists will be interviewed by a group of business and community leaders to determine the top three scholarship award winners; each finalist will also receive a laptop computer and software. The first place winner will receive a college scholarship in the amount of \$17,000; the second place winner will receive a \$12,000 scholarship; and the third place winner will receive a \$9,500 scholarship. All semi-finalists and finalists will be required to attend the 2018 Student Leader Awards scholarship luncheon on Thursday April 26, 2018 at 12:00pm at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center (1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW in Washington, DC).

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### **Instructions for Applicants**

Fill out all parts of the application completely- **incomplete applications will not be accepted.** Attach separate sheets if necessary. Important reminders:

- The application deadline is Thursday, March 1, 2018 at 11:59pm EST. **Late or incomplete applications will be disqualified**
- You must be available to attend the awards luncheon on **Thursday, April 26, 2018.**
- You may attach additional sheets as necessary to completely answer any questions appearing on the Application Form.

### **Application Package Checklist**

- Application Form
- List of Extracurricular Activities
- Essay
- One Letter of Personal Reference (can be uploaded by student or author of the letter)
- One Letter of Community or Employment Reference (can be uploaded by student or author of letter)
- FAFSA - You must be eligible to complete a FAFSA
- High School Transcript: You may attach an unofficial copy. If you are selected as a finalist, we must receive an official copy of your transcript no later than Friday, March 25th, 2016.

Please submit all application materials online  
at [www.kiwanisdc.org](http://www.kiwanisdc.org).

If you have any questions regarding online submission, please contact  
the Club Manager at [clubmanager@kiwanisdc.org](mailto:clubmanager@kiwanisdc.org)



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### Application Form

#### Part I: Personal Information

First Name:

Middle Name:

Last Name:

Date of Birth:

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Gender:

Male

Female

Home Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

Email Address:

Parents/Guardian Names:

Parents/Guardians Address (If different than above):

City:

State:

Zip:

How did you hear about this scholarship? Check all that apply:

DCCAP Advisor

School Counselor

Friend

Scholarship Fair

Past Award Winner

Upward Bound

Junior Achievement

Other:



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### Part II: Education Information

High School Name:

Advisor/Counselor Name:

Advisor Email:

Advisor Phone:

Cumulative GPA:

Weighted GPA:

Class Rank:

Class Size:

Do you expect to graduate from high school by June 2018 and become a first-time entering college freshman in the fall of 2018?  Yes  No

Were you absent from high school for one or more terms before graduating?  Yes  No

If yes, please explain:

First choice college/university to which you intend to apply:

Additional colleges/universities you intend to apply:

Intended Major/Field of Study:

Academic Honors/College Level Credits:

College scholarships applied for and amount of award received or anticipated decision date (if no response received yet):



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### Part III: Extracurricular/Leadership Activities

Please attach a separate sheet listing all of your family, school, work and community activities. Include specific events and awards or honors you have received in these activities.

You must include the name of the organization, your title or position held, start and end dates of activity, and a description of your activities. Include the total number of hours (weekly, monthly or total).

#### **Example:**

United Methodist Church of D.C.

Youth Group Leader

September 2017-Present

3 hours per week

In conjunction with the youth pastor, I plan activities for 30 members of the youth group, ages 10-14. This includes leading discussion groups about important topics like relationship and family.

### Part IV: Personal Essay/Statement

Write an original 500-word essay that discusses a leadership experience you have had in any area of your life: school, work, athletics, family, church, community, etc. in relation to the following questions:

- What has been your most significant accomplishment as a leader?
- How did it impact you and your community? (Please provide specific examples)
- How might this experience help you to improve your community in the future?

### Part V: Candidate Interview

If you are selected as a finalist, please be prepared to interview with members of the Kiwanis Club of Washington, D.C. Student Leader Awards Selection Committee to discuss your leadership experience, short-term and long-term goals, and the impact you expect to have on your community following the completion of your college education.

Interviews will be held on **Saturday, March 31, 2018** and all finalists must participate in an interview to be eligible for the top cash prizes.

Please note: Only finalists will be interviewed. All applicants that have been selected as finalists will be notified no later than March 19, 2018, of their selection and their scheduled interview time on Saturday, March 31, 2018.

### Part VI: Financial Need

Please attach a copy of your 2018-2019 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Select one:  Dependent Status  Independent Status

Number of children in your household in 2017:

Number of family members in college in the 2016-2017 academic year:

Family gross annual income in 2017:

FAFSA estimated family contribution (EFC):