



New Student Application Instructions

2016–2017 School Year

(application deadline – June 30, 2017)

Partner
Community
Organizations

Tacoma
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Tacoma
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County
Black
Collective

Prince Hall
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Washington

Tacoma
Ministerial
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Tacoma
Urban
League
Guild

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Urban
League, Inc.

I. APPLICATION QUALIFICATIONS – Each applicant:

- A. **Must be an African American male or female student** who is a U.S. citizen and is currently enrolled in the **9th, 10th, or 11th** grade at a junior or senior public high school in one of the following school districts in Tacoma/Pierce County: **Bethel, Clover Park, Franklin Pierce, Puyallup, Steilacoom, Tacoma, or University Place.**
- B. Must have earned a cumulative grade point average of 2.50 or better at the end of the 2016–2017 academic school year.
- C. Must write a well-structured, well-researched, well-written essay of at least 250 words on the subject: **“Many changes are under way in our country & we have divided opinions about these changes. As a citizen, what would you do to bring people together? What would you do as a leader?”**

II. APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS – Each applicant must submit to the Awards Committee:

- A. A certified copy of his/her transcripts reflecting **final grades** of the 2016–2017 academic year.
- B. A completed PERSONAL / SCHOOL INFORMATION FORM containing statements about his/her involvement in school activities; participation in community activities and organizations; receipt of any awards, certificates or special recognition; future educational/career goals; and church affiliation, if applicable.
- C. THREE (3) letters of recommendation: (a) ONE from applicant’s parent/guardian; (b) ONE from a school staff person, and (c) ONE from a community representative (for example: clergy, employer, youth group leader, etc.).

III. EVALUATION CRITERIA – **Each applicant will be evaluated on:**

- A. The quality of his/her school transcripts and grade point average in the specific areas of Mathematics, Science and English.
- B. The degree to which he/she is involved in school activities.
- C. The scope of his/her involvement in community activities (for example: any volunteer work at church and/or community based organization).
- D. The content of his/her letters of recommendation.
- E. The content of his/her essay.

IV. INCENTIVE AWARDS

- A. The ELIZABETH WESLEY YOUTH INCENTIVE AWARDS COMMITTEE will give each award winner THREE HUNDRED FIFTY (\$350.00) DOLLARS.
- B. The Awards Committee will present the award directly to the student for his/her use.
- C. **Award winners must participate in recipient orientation** (August 16, 2017).
- D. **Award winners must attend the awards ceremony** (September 16, 2017).
- E. All awards must be claimed no later than December 1, 2017 or they will be forfeited.

To be eligible for consideration, applicants must submit all required documents listed in A, B and C of Section II (Applicant Requirements) above to the **Awards Committee** no later than **Friday, June 30, 2017**. Applications received or postmarked after the closing date will be returned.

Completion of the application process does not guarantee an award. Awards will be limited by the financial resources of the program.

I agree to have the following Elizabeth Wesley sponsoring organizations send me information on academic enrichment opportunities and scholarship awards: Tacoma Branch NAACP; Tacoma-Pierce County Black Collective; Prince Hall Masons, Washington; Tacoma Ministerial Alliance; Tacoma Urban League Guild; Tacoma Urban League, Inc.

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Mail Completed Applications to:

Elizabeth Wesley Awards Committee
PO Box 110667
Tacoma, WA 98411

Student(s) may hand-deliver their applications
to the Tacoma Urban League, 2550 Yakima Ave, Tacoma, WA 98405.

For further information email: ewesley.org@gmail.com,
information also available at www.ewesleyaward.org.

Personal Information

Please be sure to let us know if any of the contact information below changes!

Name (First, MI, Last): _____ Date of Birth: _____ Male Female

Home Address: _____ U.S. Citizen: Yes No

City, State, Zip: _____ African-American: Yes No

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____ Home Phone: _____

E-mail of Parent/Guardian: _____ Student E-mail: _____

Educational Information

Name of Current School: _____ Grade Level (2016–17) _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Name of Counselor _____

Are you a previous award winner? No Yes If yes, what year(s) _____

Questions:

Please answer the following questions using additional sheets of paper for your response.

1. List two (2) of your favorite school activities in which you participated during the 2016–17 academic year, and tell how each helped you become a better student.
2. Describe two (2) volunteer services which you performed during the past school year (church or any community-based organization), and tell who benefited from your services.
3. List any awards, certificates or special recognition during the past year. Tell what they were and why you received each.
4. Briefly discuss your educational goals and your career plans.

Enclosure Check-Off List

(Please verify by initials and do not mark in the shaded area.)

Items	Applicant	EWC	Letters of Recommendation	Applicant	EWC
Application			Parent/Guardian		
Essay			School Staff Person		
Transcript Letter Submitted			Community Representative (For example: Clergy, Employer, Youth Group Leader		
Applicant's Signature:			Date:		