



ROCHESTER WEST INDIAN FESTIVAL Organization, Inc.

P.O. Box 40245, Rochester, NY 14604

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

*The Rochester West Indian Festival Organization, Inc. was founded in 1984 to preserve cultural heritage among Caribbean people and their descendants, and to share this culture with the Greater Rochester community. The RWIFO, Inc. owes its existence to the community support. The organization will share its success by offering \$500 scholarships to deserving minority graduating high school seniors of the Greater Rochester area. One of the scholarships will be given in memory of **Mary Thompson**, founding member and first RWIFO president, to a student with outstanding community service.*

SCHOLARSHIP QUALIFICATIONS

Applicants must have applied to an accredited institution of higher learning.

Applicants must provide an official high school transcript (inclusive of SAT and/or ACT scores)

Applicants must provide two letters of recommendation:

- One from a high school counselor or current teachers
- One from a community leader, former teacher, minister, employer or mentor

Applicants must have a minimum of a 3.0 Grade Point Average.

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION

The complete application packet must be mailed to:
Rochester West Indian Festival Organization,
PO BOX 40245 Rochester, NY 14604

by

No later than **February 19, 2010**.

NOTIFICATION AND PAYMENT

The scholarship recipients will be notified by March 10th. A check will be mailed following verification of college enrollment. Award will be forfeited if notification is not received by

September 15, 2010

Final selection is based on financial status, academic achievement, character, and leadership ability. For more information, please contact Osbourne Boxx of RWIFO, Inc. at (585) 234-0909 or email at scholarship@rwifo.com

PERSONAL INFORMATION

(*Indicates Required Information)

*Name: _____ *Date of Birth: _____

*Address: _____
Street

*City State Zip : _____

*Phone#: (____) _____ - _____

*Email _____

*High School: _____

*Graduation Date: _____

*GPA: ____/____ SAT _____ ACT _____

School Activities:

Community Activities:

Honors & Awards:

If you are employed, Employer's name: _____

Position: _____

Brief Job Description: _____

*Mother's Name: _____ Phone#. (____) _____ - _____

Address: _____

Father's Name: _____ Phone#. (____) _____ - _____

Address (if different than mother's): _____

Number of persons in your family (including yourself) _____

*List sources of financial aid (include scholarships and/or grants) received thus far:

Name <i>List the school(s) to which you have applied. Indicate acceptance with an asterisk ().</i>	Location	Projected Tuition	Accepted
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
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10.			

**Letters of recommendation are necessary in order to evaluate your application. One must come from a counselor or current teacher who can evaluate your overall academic performance. The other should come from a community leader, former teacher, minister, employer, or mentor.*

Please list the individuals to whom you plan to request your letters of recommendation:

1. Name: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____ Phone(Bus. or Home): _____

2. Name: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____ Phone(Bus. or Home): _____

***BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

Please provide an essay of your background and personal history including the following information: education, career goals and objectives, community activities, and any other pertinent information necessary to assess your qualifications or this scholarship. This essay should be approximately 500 words.