

Kelly Miller

WV Black Heritage Festival

2023 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

GUIDELINES

The Kelly Miller West Virginia Black Heritage Festival is proud to announce our annual scholarship award to graduating seniors for the year 2023. The festival exposes African-American youth from WV to the idea that there are options available; that positive contributions will help you make difficult decisions. Financial assistance in the form of an annual scholarship is given to deserving youth to help further their education. Upon completing the application and interview process, the Scholarship Committee elects and honors a young King and Queen each year.

Program Guidelines & Priorities:

- Applicants must be a current resident of West Virginia.
- Applicants must be of African American descent.
- Applicants must have plans to attend an institute of Higher Education (College, Technical, Vocational, etc.).
- Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 2.5.
- Applicants must have **two letters of recommendation**. (1) from a school official at your high school, and (2) from a community leader or church official (These recommendations cannot be from a relative).
- Applicants must submit a copy of their transcripts, along with a senior year or graduation (cap and gown) photograph.
- Applicants must submit their application by **May 05, 2023, at 11:59p.m. Late applications will not be accepted!**
- Applicants must submit their proof of enrollment (letter of enrollment, invoice for tuition and fees, student ID number and a schedule of courses) from the registrar's office once they have officially enrolled in college.

Scholarship funds will be distributed ***at the beginning of the Fall Semester***. Funds will not be disbursed until all school information is received. Email or Mail completed typed application package to: WVBHFScholarship@gmail.com

(Including application, essay, recommendation, and school transcript)

or

WVBHF
Attn: Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 574.
Clarksburg, WV 26302

Once applications are reviewed, successful applicants will be invited to attend a face to face interview with the Scholarship Committee. (All who are invited to the interview should wear business attire) Please submit any questions to: WVBHFScholarship@gmail.com

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

PLEASE TYPE YOUR ANSWERS.

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| 1. | Last Name: | First Name: |
| 2. | Mailing Address | |
| | Street: | |
| | City: | State: |
| | | Zip: |
| 3. | Phone Number: | |
| | Email Address: | |
| 4. | Date of Birth: | Gender: |
| 5. | Father or Guardian's Name: | |
| | Address: | Phone |
| | Email Address: | |
| 6. | Mother or Guardian's Name: | |
| | Address: | Phone |
| | Email Address: | |
| 7. | Name and location of High School currently attending: | |
| 8. | Post-Secondary Institution or College attending in 2022 and Proposed Degree: | |

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| 9. | List civic and community services you have performed. Student may count all service hours for which they volunteered from ninth to 12th grade <i>except for hours required their senior year.</i> |
| 10. | List extra-curricular activities and your roles and responsibility in the activity. Student may count all extracurricular activities from ninth to 12th grade. |
| 11. | List honors, awards and recognition that you have received, please include the date and organization. Student may count all honors, awards and activities from ninth to 12th grade. |
| 12. | <p>2023 ESSAY QUESTIONS</p> <p>Upon graduating High School, you will begin a new intellectual journey, you will have to support the integrity of your own learning processes, and through self-guidance you will have to find meaning, identify your own goals, seek out new insights, and validate your own personal growth. In which, this Essay has been designed to help you move from dependent to empowered.</p> <p>To complete this Essay, provide your independent inner point of view, intuition, and emotional perceptions in life, in high school, and as a person of African American descent. Then in journal form, please answer the following questions.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What have I learned that is most significant? 2. What are the most significant themes and issues? 3. What are the possible options and alternatives? 4. What choices must be made? 5. What are my insights and reflections? 6. What do I think? Where do I stand on this issue? 7. What do I feel? What does my intuition tell me or explain? 8. What is it I don't understand? What are my frustrations? 9. What are the unanswered questions? 10. What is it I most disagree with? What are the implications? 11. What are the unasked questions? |

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STATEMENT OF ACCURACY FOR STUDENTS

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that, if I am chosen as a scholarship winner, my picture may be taken and used to promote the WV Kelly Miller Black Heritage Festival scholarship program for future endeavors. (Recipients may waive photo(s) due to unusual or compelling circumstances.)

I hereby understand that if I am chosen as a scholarship winner, I or a representative must be present at the Annual Kickoff Luncheon.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, it is my responsibility to provide to the committee the appropriate information for my scholarship to be paid.

I hereby understand I will not submit this application without all required attachments and supporting information. Incomplete applications or applications that do not meet eligibility criteria will not be considered for this scholarship.

Signature of Applicant: _____ **Date:** _____

Checklist

- ___ Application
- ___ Essay
- ___ (2) Letters of Recommendation
- ___ Senior or Graduation Photo
- ___ School Transcript
- ___ Proof of Enrollment

EMAIL or MAIL COMPLETE APPLICATION PACKAGE TO:

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Or

WVBHF
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Clarksburg, WV 26302

REMINDER:

The deadline for this application to be received by the Committee is:
May 5, 2023, at 11:59 p.m.

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I hereby give my consent to the Kelly Miller West Virginia Black Heritage Festival for the image and likeness of to be videotaped, audiotaped, or photographed for the following uses:

- Educational/Instructional media
- Recruitment/Outreach media
- Development media
- Newsworthy media documentation

I further authorize the Kelly Miller West Virginia Black Heritage Festival and their component parts to use this electronic media and/or photographs in any manner-whole, or in part. This waiver includes usage of this media in any way deemed appropriate, which may include electronic and photographic reproductions thereof for the production educational, instructional, promotional, or institutional advancement materials which support the educational and outreach activities of West Virginia University.

I hereby waive any right I may have to inspect or approve any use of this electronic media and/or photographs and I release The Kelly Miller West Virginia Black Heritage Festival and its component parts from all liability which could result from its use.

Graduate's Name _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____

Graduate's Signature _____
(Required)

A parent or guardian must sign this form if the participant is a minor or if the participant is hindered by mental or physical challenges.

Parent/Guardian's Name _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____
(Required)