

**Greater Erie Community Action Committee
R. Benjamin Wiley / Walter L. Osborne /
Minority Scholarship Application
Instructions**

High School Students

Deadline: April 15, 2018

What is the R. Benjamin Wiley / Walter L. Osborne Minority Scholarship?

The mission of the **R. Benjamin Wiley / Walter L. Osborne Minority Scholarship** is to encourage and enable ethnic minority students to (a) go to college, (b) realize the impact they can have on themselves and the community through education.

The amount of the scholarship to be awarded is \$1,000.00, which will be paid directly to the awardee.

All completed applications must be postmarked by April 15, 2018. All applicants will be notified of their selection or denial by June 15, 2018.

To apply for the **R. Benjamin Wiley / Walter L. Osborne Minority Scholarship**, the student must meet the following guidelines.

Scholarship Guidelines

1. Be an ethnic minority student who is a resident of Erie County Pennsylvania.
2. Be a current high school senior that has been accepted into a post-secondary institution for the fall term.
3. Must currently have a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA or have scored at least a 22 on the ACT or a 1020 on the SAT.
4. Be willing to complete an interview with the scholarship committee.
5. Meet the government's poverty guidelines (200%) below.

Family of 2 - \$32,920	Family of 5 - \$58,840	Family of 8 - \$84,760
Family of 3 - \$41,560	Family of 6 - \$67,480	<i>Each additional member add \$8,640</i>
Family of 4 - \$50,200	Family of 7 - \$76,120	



Application Requirements

Please include all of the following materials with your scholarship application.

1. Transcript

A copy of your current academic transcript.

2. Essay

Follow the instructions on the attached essay instruction sheet.

3. Two Letters of Recommendation

- One letter must be from a member of your school's faculty.
- One letter must be from a person you know through employment or community leadership experience. Relatives are not allowed to write recommendations.

Letters of recommendation should be original, signed and dated.

4. A Completed Scholarship Application Form

Fill out the appropriate scholarship application form. Please print clearly. When you are done, make sure that you sign and date the verification.

5. Mail or drop off the completed application by April 15, 2018 to:

GECAC
c/o RBW /WLO Scholarship Committee
18 W. 9th St.
Erie, PA 16501

**RBW/WLO Minority Scholarship Essay
Instruction Sheet
High School Students**

Essay Topic: Please pick one of the three topics below.

- a. Pick an experience from your own life and explain how it has influenced who you are today and your choice of major.
- b. Describe your long/short term goals. How will this scholarship and ultimately your college education help you to accomplish them?
- c. Describe your long/short term goals. Who or what has influenced these goals and how?

Format of Essay:

Upper left corner:

Your name
Your high school
Date of Essay

- 500 words
- Double spaced
- Times New Roman font
- 12 point font
- Left justification

Judging Criteria: Content, grammar, spelling, punctuation & originality.

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Minority Scholarship Application

APPLICATION FORM *for high school students*
Section I

Name: _____
First Middle Init. Last

Address: _____
Street

City State Zip code

Phone Number: _____
Cell Home

Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____ **Gender:** _____

High School
you are currently _____ **Graduation Date:** _____
attending

What is your current cumulative GPA? _____

S.A.T. scores Verbal: _____ **Math:** _____ **Writing:** _____ **or ACT Composite:** _____

Please list any _____
extracurricular _____
activities (school _____
and community _____
related) _____

Please list any _____
Honors and _____
Awards _____

**Please list any
Work or
Volunteer
Experience**

**What colleges
and universities
have you
applied to?**

**Which colleges
and universities
have you
already been
accepted to?**

**College or
university you
plan to attend
(if known):**

**What is your
intended major?**

**Do you plan to
commute or
live on campus?**

Parent / Guardian Information

Name(s) of Parent(s) / Guardian(s): _____

Parent(s) / Guardian(s) 1 Occupation: _____

Parent(s) / Guardian(s) 2 Occupation: _____

APPLICATION FORM *for high school students*

Section II

Application checklist

____ Transcript

____ Essay

____ Two letters of recommendation

____ A copy of your EFC (*Expected Family Contribution* from your FAFSA) or a copy of last year's federal tax return

____ Completed application

Mail or drop off the completed application by April 15, 2018 to:

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Verification:

I affirm that I am an ethnic minority and the information included with my application is true and accurate in all respects and that I intend to pursue a degree in higher education. I also understand that if I am selected, the awarding of funds is contingent upon my full time enrollment and attendance at an accredited institution.

Signature

Date

Parent / Guardian Signature

Date

**** Please ensure that your application packet includes all of the required information and documents before sending. We will not accept additional documents sent separate from the original application packet, and only complete application packets will be reviewed.**