

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

**College 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.

1. Be an ethnic minority student who is a resident of Erie County Pennsylvania.
2. Going to be a second through fourth year college student attending school full time during the upcoming fall semester.
3. Be working toward either a 2 or 4 year post-secondary degree.
4. Must have at least a 2.8 cumulative GPA.
5. Be willing to complete an interview with the scholarship committee.
6. Meet the government's poverty guidelines (200%) below.

<b>Family of 1 – 24,280</b>	<b>Family of 4 - \$50,200</b>	<b>Family of 7 - \$76,120</b>
<b>Family of 2 - \$32,920</b>	<b>Family of 5 - \$58,840</b>	<b>Family of 8 - \$84,760</b>
<b>Family of 3 - \$41,560</b>	<b>Family of 6 - \$67,480</b>	<i>Each additional member add \$8,640</i>

**Scholarship  
Guidelines**



## 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. 9<sup>th</sup> St.

Erie, PA 16501

**RBW/WLO Minority Scholarship Essay  
Instruction Sheet**

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

**College Students**

- a. How will your study of \_\_\_\_\_ contribute to your immediate or long range career plans?
- b. Describe how you have demonstrated leadership ability both in and out of school.
- c. Describe your most meaningful achievements and how they relate to your field of study and your future goals.

**Format of Essay:**

Upper left corner:

Your name  
Your College or University  
Date of Essay

- 500 words
- Double spaced
- Times New Roman font
- 12 point font
- Left justification
- One-inch top, bottom, and side margins

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

**GECAC**  
**R. Benjamin Wiley / Walter L. Osborne**  
**Minority Scholarship Application**

**APPLICATION FORM *for college students***

**Section I**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Init. Last

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Street  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip code

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Home

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Gender:** \_\_\_\_\_

**College/university you are currently attending:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Graduation Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**What is your Major?** \_\_\_\_\_ **Current cumulative GPA?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please list any extracurricular activities:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(i.e. clubs, sports, cheerleading etc.)  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Please list any Honors and Awards:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Current place of Employment if any:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Volunteer experience if any:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## APPLICATION FORM *for college students*

### Section II

#### Application checklist

- Current college 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:**

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

#### 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 continue working towards 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

**\*\* 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.**

