

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

College Students

Deadline: April 15, 2019

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, 2019. All applicants will be notified of their selection or denial by June 14, 2019.

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.

Scholarship Guidelines

Family of 1 – 24,980	Family of 4 - \$51,500	Family of 7 - \$78,020
Family of 2 - \$33,820	Family of 5 - \$60,340	Family of 8 - \$86,860
Family of 3 - \$42,660	Family of 6 - \$69,180	<i>Each additional member add \$8,840</i>



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.

1. 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.

2. Mail or drop off the completed application by April 15, 2019 to:

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

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Frank DelleCurti, Scholarship Committee Chair at **(814) 459-4581 ext. 676**. fdellecurti@gecac.org

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

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

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- 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.

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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

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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 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.**