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

Deadline: May 1, 2024

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, each year for up to 4 consecutive years they are in college and maintain a 2.5 GPA

**All completed applications must be postmarked by Monday May 1, 2024. All applicants will be notified of their selection or denial by June 13, 2024.**

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

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

**Scholarship   
Guidelines**

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| **Family of 2 - $40,880** | **Family of 5 - $73,160** | **Family of 8 - $105,440** |
| **Family of 3 - $51,640** | **Family of 6 - $83,920** | *Each additional member add $10,760* |
| **Family of 4 - $62,400** | **Family of 7 - $94,680** |



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

1. **Transcript**

A copy of your current academic transcript.

1. **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.

1. **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.

1. **Mail or drop off the completed application by** **May 1, 2024 to:**

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

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Carrie Geist at (**814) 459-4581 ext. 564.**

**Application Requirements**

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

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

1. Pick an experience from your own life and explain how it has influenced who you are

today and your choice of major.

1. In your own words, please describe how you will benefit from having a college education and the impact it could make on your friends and family as well.
2. Describe your long and 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

* Approximately 500 words
* Double spaced
* Times New Roman or Arial font
* 12 point font
* Left justification

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

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

**APPLICATION FORM**Section I

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
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 City State Zip code

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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

**High School   
you are currently \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
attending**

**What is your current cumulative GPA? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**College Entrance Exam scores – SAT Reading/Writing: \_\_\_\_\_\_SAT Math: \_\_\_\_\_\_ or ACT Composite:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Please list any \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
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Volunteer \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
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**What colleges  
and universities \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
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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**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** **May 1, 2024 to:**

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**Verification:**

I affirm that I am a high school student and an ethnic minority. 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.

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*Signature* *Date***

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*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.**