January, 2015

To Whom It May Concern:

The Greater Rappahannock (VA) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated was founded to enrich, sustain and ensure the culture and economic survival of African-Americans and persons of African ancestry within our community.

The Greater Rappahannock (VA) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated is pleased to announce its 2014-2015 Scholarship. The scholarship will be awarded to five outstanding African-American students, two females and two males in our service area in the amount of $1,000.00, which is non-renewable. An additional scholarship, the Sandra Holland King Education Scholarship in the amount of $1,000.00 will be given to a student majoring in the field of Education. Enclosed, please find a copy of the scholarship application form and requirements.

All applications must be postmarked no later than March 13, 2015. For additional information or questions, please e-mail Ms. Pamela Gardner, Scholarship Chairperson at gardnepd@pwcs.edu.

Sincerely,

Pamela Gardner

Scholarship Chairperson

gardnepd@pwcs.edu

**Greater Rappahannock (VA) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated**

The Greater Rappahannock (VA) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated Scholarship is awarded annually to students graduating from a high school within the organization’s service area who meets specific academic and other eligibility requirements and plans to attend a two or four year college on a full time basis. This one-time scholarship of $1,000.00 for each student will be paid to the college and applied towards tuition, books or other academic supplies.

**Eligibility Criteria**

The applicant must be an African-American candidate for graduation in a high school within the service areas of the Greater Rappahannock (VA) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated. Our service areas include: The City of Fredericksburg and counties of Spotsylvania, Stafford, Caroline, and King George.

* The applicant must plan to attend an accredited two or four year-college.
* Applicants must have a minimum cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 or better on a weighted 4.0 scale.

In addition to the completed form, applicants must submit the following:

* An official copy of your transcript from your School Counseling Office.
* Two (2) letters of recommendation from a school counselor, teacher or school administrator, and a member of your community who can attest to your abilities and character.
* Attach a recent photo of yourself to the application.
* A one page double-spaced essay of 500 words or less on one of the following topics:
* If you could change one thing in your community or the world, what would you change and why?
* Describe yourself, your values, extracurricular activities, major and future career goals.
* What is the most critical moral, ethical, or social problem facing America?
* What impact do you expect to make in your community once you finish college?

**Sandra Holland King Education Scholarship**

* An official copy of your transcript from your School Counseling Office
* Two (2) letters of recommendation from a school counselor, teacher or school administrator, and a member of your community who can attest to your abilities and character.
* Attach a recent photo of yourself to the application.
* The applicant must be majoring in the field of education.
* A one page double-spaced essay of 500 words or less on “Why Education is Important to Me?”

**Other Information**

* All finalists may participate in an interview, if applicable. Applicants will be rated on their involvement in extra-curricular activities, academic achievement, their essay, and interview, if applicable.
* If you are selected as one of the scholarship recipients, we ask that you read your essay at the scholarship reception.
* A scholarship presentation will be made at our scholarship reception and at your local high school Awards Night.
* Applications and supporting materials must be postmarked by March 13, 2015.
* Applicants will be notified by April 20 via e-mail. Type or print legibly your e-mail address.
* Questions may be directed to Ms. Pamela Gardner via email at gardnepd@pwcs.edu

**Greater Rappahannock (VA) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated**

**Academic Scholarship Application**

**Please print or type legibly and complete ALL sections. Information provided is confidential.**

Please check which scholarship applying for:

GRVA \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Sandra Holland King Education Scholarship \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_­­­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (If Different): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Father’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Mother’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

No. of Siblings and Ages: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ No. in College: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

How much will your family contribute to your educational expenses? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Grade Point Average: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Class Rank: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ SAT Score: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ACT Score: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Have you received any scholarships? Yes \_\_\_\_\_No \_\_\_\_Value $ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

High School Currently Attending: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Principal’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

School Counselor’s Name/Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date and Time of Senior Awards Program: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Have you been accepted by an accredited college? Yes\_\_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Major(s): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

If accepted*,* provide name, address and copy of letter: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Use an additional sheet of paper, if necessary, for the following information:

List all extracurricular and community activities (include any offices or positions held):

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

List all honors, awards, and achievements:

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Employment/Work Experience:

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List any hobbies or special interests:

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Please note the following:

* The Scholarship check will be sent to the college or university to be applied directly to the recipient’s account. If selected, you must provide a copy of the acceptance letter and the name and address of the college or university to which the check will be mailed.
* The selected winner agrees to the use of their name, photo and select information contained in their application packet for advertising and promotional purposes for the Greater Rappahannock (VA) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated without further compensation, liability or notification.

*The information on this form and contained in the application packet is true and correct to the best of my knowledge as evidenced by signatures to this form.*

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Completed packet must be POSTMARKED by March 13, 2015 to:**

Greater Rappahannock (VA) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated

c/o Ms. Pamela Gardner

Post Office Box 1694

Stafford, VA 22555

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A personal interview may be required.

Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.