

Chicago Defender Charities, Incorporated
Bud Billiken® Scholarship
Program & Policy
2009

Policy

As part of our ongoing commitment to the advancement of education in the African American community, the Chicago Defender Charities is proud to introduce the Chicago Defender Charities “Bud Billiken”®Scholarship Program. This scholarship, in the amount of five-thousand dollars, (renewable), will be awarded to deserving high school seniors who demonstrate a financial need. This scholarship is designed to encourage young African Americans to further their education in effort to advance the state of the communities in which they live. Community Service is the cornerstone of our foundation. It is our belief that by investing in the education of our children today, they will have greater potential to positively impact their communities in the future.

Criteria

In accordance with the Chicago Defender Charities Scholarship Program minimal criteria, each applicant must:

- Be a United States Citizen
- Resident of Illinois
- Possess a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5/4.0 scale
- A high school senior graduating this year
- Submit a 500 word essay on, *“What is the Importance of Community Service?”*
- Demonstrate financial need

All applications must be accompanied by the following documentation:

- Most recent grade report/transcript
- Two letters of recommendation***
- Forty (40) hours of community service (see attached form)
- Financial Aid Award Letter(FAAL) or Student Award Report (SAR)
- Proof of acceptance to a college /university (course schedule/admission letter, if available).
- Proof of financial status/income (most recent tax returns, SSI, public aid, unemployment).

Student applications are evaluated based on financial need, academic achievement and funded focus.

***Two letters of recommendation must include academic and personal (non-relative).

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Chicago Defender Charities General Scholarship

To be eligible for the Chicago Defender Charities General Scholarship, applicants must be a graduating high school senior. This \$5,000.00 scholarship will be awarded to students who meet or exceed the criteria. This scholarship is not available to persons pursuing graduate or post-graduate degrees. The application deadline is June 19, 2009. The candidate must also:

- Possess a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, or higher at time of application.
- Submit two letters of recommendation
- Submit a 500 word typed, double-spaced essay on **“What is the Importance of Community Service?”**
- Show proof of acceptance to an accredited four-year college or university at time of application.
- Demonstrate financial need.
- Show proof of completion of at least forty (40) hours of community service.

The Chicago Defender Charities Scholarship for Journalism

To be eligible for the Chicago Defender Charities Scholarship for Journalism, applicants must be enrolled in full-time studies leading to a bachelor’s degree in Journalism/Mass Communication. This \$5,000.00(renewable) scholarship will be awarded to two deserving students who meet or exceed the criteria. The application deadline is June 19, 2009. In addition to the criteria listed above, candidates must also:

- Submit 500 word typed essay on **“The Role of the Black Media”**.

An interview with the Scholarship Advisory Committee may be required. Effective June 1, 2009, Scholarship recipients are required to participate in community service activities as determined by the Chicago Defender Charities Inc. Failure to comply will result in disqualification from the program.

For additional information regarding the Scholarship Program contact:

***Ebony Miller, Scholarship Coordinator
Chicago Defender Charities, Incorporated
700 E. Oakwood Blvd., Chicago, IL 60653
773-536-3710***

**Chicago Defender Charities Scholarship Program
Scholarship Application
2009**

Application Deadline June 19, 2009

Please type or print:

Name: _____

Home Address: _____
City _____ Zip _____

Home telephone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

Gender: _____ Male _____ Female Date of birth: ____/____/____

United States citizen: ____ Yes ____ No Illinois resident: ____ Yes ____ No

Social Security Number: _____

Parent /Guardian Information

Name of parent(s) guardian(s): _____

Address (if different from above): _____

Telephone: _____ Cell: _____

Emergency Contact: _____
Phone: _____

Education

Name of high school: _____

Phone: _____ City: _____ Zip _____

High School Graduation date: ____/____/____

College/University you plan to attend: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____ Year you expect to graduate: _____ Major: _____

School Courses, Activities, and Experiences

- A. Please attach a typed list of advanced placement, honors courses, and internships you have participated in during your high school career.

- B. Please attach a typed list of school and community activities in which you have participated during your high school career, i.e., student government, church groups, honor societies etc.

C. Please list your work (if any) experience: _____

D. List any honors, special recognition or awards you have received within the last two years.

E. Number of siblings: _____ ages: _____

Your signature confirms that the information provided for this application is true and authorizes the release of your academic and personal information to the Chicago Defender Charities Inc.

Applicant signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Please note: All corresponding information must be submitted by the deadline and should be mailed to:

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