

DELEGATE SHANEKA HENSON'S 2020-21 LEGISLATIVE SCHOLARSHIP

To apply for the Delegate Shaneka Henson 2020-21 Legislative Scholarship you must live in Anne Arundel County, District 30A. Please go to <http://mdelect.net/> to confirm you are eligible to apply.

Scholarship Application

To be eligible for a Delegate Scholarship, you must plan to attend a Maryland college or university, or a private career school. Private career schools must have the Maryland Higher Education Commission's approval to operate and be accredited by a national accrediting association approved by the US. Department of Education. You may also attend a nursing school if the Commission approves the curriculum. Students may attend full or part-time.

If your major is not offered at a Maryland institution of higher education, you may apply for a unique major designation that would allow you to use our Delegate Scholarship funds for an out-of-state school.

Preference will be given to students who clearly articulate a financial need. Financial need can be demonstrated by the following:

First generation college students	Emancipated minors
Homeless or at risk of becoming homeless	Recent loss of employment or extended unemployment
Exceptional medical, dental, or emergency expenses	Students who come from a single parent household
Currently or previously a ward of the court or in foster care	Single parents
Students whose primary caregiver is not their parent	Student or household provides financial support to immediate or extended family members including eldercare expenses

The scholarship application must be thoroughly completed and returned with all the required documentation (e.g. transcript, letters of recommendation and essay.) to my office by **April 24th, 2020** at the address appended below. You may also scan and forward the application to me via email at: Shaneka.henson.district@house.state.md.us

Delegate Shaneka Henson
ATTN: Legislative Scholarship Program
House Office Building
6 Bladen Street, Room 152
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

We require that at least one of your letters of recommendation be from either a work supervisor, school faculty member, community leader, clergy or professor. Letters cannot be provided by family or friends. The letters must include contact information for your recommender and be on official letterhead if from your school.

Please be advised that the Delegate Shaneka Henson Legislative Scholarship monies are awarded on an "as needed basis". Information from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) will be used to help determine need. The completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FASFA) is required by March 1st, 2020. The FAFSA is available and can be submitted online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. You do not have to provide us with a copy of your completed FAFSA form, we will automatically access it electronically upon your completion. The Delegate Scholarship is only for a single academic year. Even if you have previously received a Delegate Scholarship you must reapply each year.

It is my honor to serve the constituents of District 30A in such an impactful way, and my pleasure to assist you in meeting your academic goals. For more information on the legislative scholarship program, and other financial assistance programs run by the State of Maryland, please visit the Maryland Higher Education Commission's Programs and Applications webpage at <https://mhec.state.md.us/preparing/Pages/FinancialAid/index.aspx>. Should you have any further questions or need additional assistance, please contact my office at 410-841-3045 or via email at Shaneka.henson.district@house.state.md.us

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Name	First: _____ Middle Initial: _____ Last: _____		
Home Address	Street: _____		
	City: _____	State: _____	Zip Code: _____
Telephone	Home: ()		Mobile/Cell: ()
E-mail Address			
Date of Birth	/ /	Current Age: _____	Gender: Male <input type="radio"/> Female <input type="radio"/>
High School	High School: <input type="radio"/>	Name: _____ Graduating Year: _____	
	Graduation Date: / / GPA: _____ College Acceptance Received: _____		
High School Address	City: _____	State: _____	Zip Code: _____
College	College: <input type="radio"/>	Name: _____	
College Address	City: _____	State: _____	Zip Code: _____
Graduate School	Graduate School: <input type="radio"/>	Name: _____	
Grad School Address	City: _____	State: _____	Zip Code: _____
Vocational School	Vocational School: <input type="radio"/>	Name: _____	
Voc. School Address	City: _____	State: _____	Zip Code: _____
Parent/Guardians Name			
Telephone Number		Home: ()	Mobile/Cell: ()
Email Address			

Name and location of a Maryland undergraduate, graduate, vocational or private career school you plan to attend during the 2020-2021 school year.

(Note: Applicants may be eligible for scholarship assistance to attend out-of-state colleges, universities or private career schools ONLY if they are enrolling in an academic program which is not offered in a Maryland college, university, or private career school. For further information, contact Mr. Carl Brooks, Program Administrator, the Maryland Higher Education Commission, phone (410) 767-3245 or carl.brooks@maryland.gov.)

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

Unique Major (if applicable): _____

Attendance will be: Full-time (minimum of 12 semester hours) Part-time (6 – 11 semester hours)

If returning to college or graduate school in 2020-2021: Name of college or graduate school most recently attended: _____

Address: _____ School years attended: _____

If attending graduate school in 2020-2021: List degrees received, date awarded, and name of granting college or graduate school: _____

Date you submitted your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form: _____

How did you find out about the Delegate Shaneka Henson Legislative Scholarship?

_____ Website _____ Teacher _____ Counselor _____ Facebook

_____ Friend _____ Other Source: _____

Are you a past recipient of a Legislative Scholarship?: Yes No If yes, which year(s)? _____

Please check all that apply:

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Certification: The information reported in or attached to this application is complete and accurate.

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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ESSAY

The essay must:

- Be typed, double spaced and 12pt font
- Include your name, complete mailing address, and email address on the first page (*this information is not counted towards your word count*)
- Be a minimum of 300 words, and a maximum of 500 words

PLEASE ADDRESS 2 OF THE FOLLOWING TOPICS IN YOUR ESSAY.

In addition to your 2 topics, *your essay must describe your financial need for this scholarship.*

- What public service means to you.
- Ways that you are currently serving your community.
- Your future plans for serving your community.
- Describe any of your extracurricular activities (past or present) and how it has helped to shape your character. (i.e. volunteer service, club or auxiliary memberships, sports team membership, etc.).
- What are some of the strategies you use to overcome challenges or adversity?

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LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

(Applicants Name)

Applicant: *We require that at least one of your letters of recommendation be from either a work supervisor, school faculty member, community leader, clergy or professor. Letters cannot be provided by family or friends. The letters must include contact information for your recommender and be on official letterhead if from your school. Your recommender should be someone who you know and who is familiar with your character and integrity, your schoolwork and your career interest beyond graduation.*

Respondent: *This student is applying for a Legislative Scholarship through the office of Maryland State Delegate Shaneka Henson. Please complete this form on his/her behalf and attach it to your recommendation letter. The recommendation letter must be included in the student's application package which is due to my office no later than April 24, 2020.*

Name: _____ Title: _____

Organization (if applicable): _____

Your relationship to applicant: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Referrer's Signature: _____

Please address the questions listed below:

1. How do you know the student?
2. How long have you known the student?
3. What do you know about the student's character, integrity, schoolwork and career ambitions?
4. Do you recommend this individual as a scholarship recipient? Why?

PLEASE INCLUDE THIS COVER PAGE WITH YOUR LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION.

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CHECKLIST

Please ensure the following items are included in your scholarship submission package. All listed items are mandatory and must be included. If any of the listed items are not included, your application may be disqualified as incomplete.

Required Documents	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Scholarship Application	
Recommendation Letter 1 Cover Page	
Recommendation Letter 1	
Recommendation Letter 2 Cover Page	
Recommendation Letter 2	
Essay	
Transcript – High School (if applicable)	
Transcript – College (if applicable)	
Transcript – Graduate School (if applicable)	
Transcript – Vocational School (if applicable)	