



Richmond Association of Black Social Workers 2024 RABSW Scholarship

Eligibility Requirements

1. The Richmond Chapter ABSW Scholarship is only available to those applicants referred by a financially active Richmond Chapter Member.
2. Applicants must be either a graduating High School Senior, who has been accepted to a two-year or four- year College or University as a full-time student, or a full-time student currently enrolled at a two-year or four-year College or University
3. Applicants must have maintained a grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.5. (*Exceptions may be made for applicants who have made significant progress and who have a high level of motivation*).
4. Richmond Chapter of ABSW will award scholarships up to \$1,500.00. If needed, the committee will determine the scholarship amount awarded to recipients.
5. The Richmond Chapter ABSW Scholarship is based on merit, and not on financial need.
6. Applicants must complete an application and all information requested must accompany the application, at the time of submission, in order to be considered. **Application must be typed.**
7. Applicants majoring in social work or a related field are encouraged to apply.

Submit completed application and supporting documents.

- via email to richmondabswscholarship@gmail.com
- or mail to the following address prior to April 1, 2024:
Richmond Chapter of ABSW
Attn: Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 25156
Richmond, Virginia 23260
- Hand deliveries to any member will not be accepted.

* Mailed applications must be postmarked by the deadline date. Applications postmarked or received after the deadline will not be considered. Incomplete or illegible applications may not be considered.

Application Deadline: 11:59 PM (Eastern Standard Time on Saturday, April 1, 2024)

RABSW
P.O. Box 25156
Richmond, VA 23260
www.richmondabsw.org

APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP

IMPORTANT: Please fill in your response below. All answers must be printed or typed. Answers that are illegible or incomplete may prevent the committee from considering your application.

PERSONAL DATA

FIRST NAME MIDDLE LAST

PRESENT FULL ADDRESS CITY STATE ZIP CODE

HOME TELEPHONE CELL TELEPHONE EMAIL

DATE OF BIRTH AGE GENDER

PARENT/GUARDIAN'S NAME

PARENT'S ADDRESS

PARENT'S HOME TELEPHONE CELL TELEPHONE EMAIL

EDUCATION

A. High School Name: _____

High School Address: _____

High School Telephone: _____

Guidance Counselor Name: _____

B. DIPLOMA? _____ No _____ Yes

GED? _____ No _____

C. Name of College/University attending: _____

Address of College/University: _____

Admissions/Registrar's Office Telephone: _____

D. Classification: _____ Major: _____

E. Cumulative GPA: _____

F. Name of Referral Source _____

(Must be a financially active Richmond Chapter Member. Applicant & referral CANNOT BE the same individual).

The scholarship is contingent on the following:

- Provide two (2) Letters of Recommendation. Attach and submit each letter with your application packet *(One **must** be from a school staff member such as a teacher, guidance counselor, principal or social worker)*.
- Please submit, **with your application packet**, your most current (official or unofficial) school transcript.
- Please submit, **with your application packet**, your letter of acceptance to the college or university you are planning to attend.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

A. List any organizations, scholarships, academic honors, leadership roles, extracurricular activities, appointments, offices, educational travel, and other accomplishments: _____

B. Describe any volunteer work with which you have been involved: _____

C. List your hobbies and interests: _____

D. List your personal strengths: _____

E. List any mentor, organization, community, or village connections which may have impacted you in the black community: _____

F. List any jobs you have held by company name, position, and length of employment: _____

G. Provide any other information that you would like considered: _____

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The National Association of Black Social Workers Code of Ethics states, *“I regard as my primary obligation the welfare of the Black Individual, Black Family, and Black Community and will engage in action for improving social conditions.”*

Choose one:

1. Typed, double-spaced essay (1 – 2 pages)
2. YouTube/ Instagram/Tic Tok video (2 - 3 minutes)
3. PowerPoint presentation (minimum of 8 slides/maximum of 10 slides)

❖ Describe how you will use your education to improve social conditions in the African American community? *(Be creative and include innovative solutions).*

Scholarship Committee Members

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