

THE DAVID M. RUBENSTEIN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

\$20,000 Scholarships Awarded to DC Public School Students

STUDENT DEADLINE: January 31, 2020

Completed applications must be submitted to your School Guidance Counselor



THE ECONOMIC CLUB

OF WASHINGTON, D. C.

Mission Statement

The David M. Rubenstein/Economic Club of Washington, D.C. Scholarship program is designed to promote and encourage District of Columbia public high school seniors to attend and graduate from college.

Program Description and Criteria

The Economic Club scholarship provides an award of \$20,000 to select DC students who have been nominated by participating public high schools. Each school's nominating committee will recommend a maximum of two students to receive the award in accordance with the Award paragraph below.

Successful candidates will be chosen by the school's principal and the nominating committee, based principally on academic achievement, with consideration given for other community/extracurricular activities, leadership, financial need, student essay, character evaluation form, and other personal or family attributes. Each award winner will be required to attend an award ceremony in the spring for the formal awards presentation. Each award winner will also be invited to participate in the Scholars to Leaders mentor program as outlined below.

Scholarship Eligibility

- Eligible applicants are restricted to students attending one of the DC Public high schools or DC Public Charter Schools listed in the Addendum.
- Applicants must be graduating seniors who have applied to a degree-granting program in an accredited college or university.
- Students must be enrolled full time as a high school student (enrolled for at least four credits during the student's current and final year) at a participating DC High School.
- Students must graduate from high school with their class in June and plan to enroll full time in college no later than the fall following completion of high school.
- Students must be a citizen of the United States or be a U.S. lawful permanent resident (or have applied for permanent residence, the application for which has not been denied and intend to become a U.S. citizen at the earliest opportunity allowed by law).
- Students must have a minimum current GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale or equivalent.
- Student's transcript must demonstrate college preparedness such as AP/IB courses; honors courses; or college preparedness courses (seminars or other classes to help with college applications, SAT preparedness).
- Student must demonstrate interest and participation in extracurricular activities and community service. Leadership roles should be emphasized and are preferred.
- Students must complete the FAFSA and include a copy of the Student Aid Form with the application.

Scholars to Leaders Program

Scholarship winners will be eligible to participate in the Scholars to Leaders Mentor Program beginning in the summer following high school and continuing through the college years until the student graduates. The program is designed to match scholarship winners with Economic Club members and alumni to provide quality, consistent, and meaningful support for student success. Services provided include:

- Scholarship winners will attend a series of Seminars which will take place in the summer following high school graduation. These Seminars are hosted by select Economic Club members, who invite the students into their place of business for a day of informative education.
- Scholarship winners will be eligible to enroll in the Scholars to Leaders Mentor Program which matches students with Economic Club members and scholarship alumni to provide relevant support and guidance meant to encourage successful college completion and prepare students for careers in their fields of interest.
- Scholarship winners will be eligible for summer internship programs available exclusively for Economic Club scholars following the successful completion of their sophomore year in college.
- Scholarship winners will be eligible to apply for Capital Explorer Funds upon completion of 30 credit hours or the equivalent. This program supports opportunities that will help advance the scholar's academic and professional growth during their college education.

Award

The Economic Club awards up to 48 scholarships to students committed to entering college in the fall of 2020. Winners will be announced in the spring of 2020. Scholarships are awarded to one or two students attending participating high schools as listed in the Addendum. One additional Alternate student's application will also be submitted by each high school in the event a winner is unable to participate. Each winner will receive a \$20,000 award, payable in \$2,500 increments over the first eight semesters of the student's college attendance. Winners must complete scholarship funding within six years of award, or prior to Fall semester 2026.

In order to remain in active status to receive their award, students must:

- submit a final high school transcript
- be enrolled in college by September 2020
- remain in good standing while at the college/university of their choice
- provide official transcripts each quarter/semester to the Economic Club for verification.
- provide a copy of financial aid summary from the college or university they attend to the Economic Club.
- provide updated email, phone, and other contact information to the Economic Club
- respond to all emailed outreaches and notices from the Economic Club

All responsibilities and duties are understood when student applies for the scholarship.

Application Instructions

1. Students must submit their completed hard-copy application to their senior guidance counselor by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, January 31, 2020. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed. The application is available online under the Education tab at www.economicclub.org.

2. Students should compile the following information, following the checklist below:
 - ☐ Student Information Form A (Your contact information)
 - ☐ Student Information Form B (Essay Responses)
 - ☐ Student separate page(s) of Essay Responses
 - ☐ Student Information Form C (Guidance Counselor recommendation)
 - ☐ Student Information Form D (Teacher recommendation)
 - ☐ A blank copy of Nominating Committee Form E, which will be completed by your principal or authorized representative should you be the winner
 - ☐ One copy of your high school transcript(s)
 - ☐ One copy of the Student Aid Report from the FAFSA form

3. Once this list above is completed, then you must:
 - ☐ Submit a hard-copy to your senior guidance counselor or principal

APPLICATION DEADLINE:
Friday, January 31, 2020
3:00 P.M.

Student Information Form A

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT NEATLY

1. Student First Name: _____ Student Last Name: _____
2. High School: _____
3. Student Address: _____ Apt. #: _____
4. City _____ State _____ Zip _____
5. Student Cell Phone: _____ Student Home Phone: _____
Can you receive text messages? ☐ Yes ☐ No
6. Student's nationality: ☐ U.S. Citizen ☐ Other country of citizenship: _____
7. Email Address: _____
* A valid email address is **REQUIRED**
8. Parent/Guardian Name _____ Relationship: _____
9. Parent/Guardian Email Address: _____
10. Parent/Guardian Phone: _____
11. Has a family member or anyone in your household been a previous winner of The David M. Rubenstein/Economic Club of Washington, D.C. Scholarship? *(Your answer does not affect your qualification for the award).*
☐ Yes ☐ No If Yes, name of winner and year of award: _____
12. DC OneApp must be completed and properly submitted by its deadline if applicable.
☐ Yes, my DC OneApp has been or will be completed and submitted. *(Do not attach DC OneApp)*
13. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) must be completed and submitted. Please attach a copy to application.
☐ Yes, my FAFSA has been completed and is attached.

I attest that I am a citizen of the United States or a U.S. lawful permanent resident, and that all information in this application is my own work, is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Student signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Information Form B

Instructions: Type essays and proofread for spelling or grammatical errors. Respond to all essay questions in Section One and choose one essay in Section Two.

SECTION ONE: SHORT ANSWER ESSAYS

Type your responses to each of the following essay questions in a few complete sentences.

1. What profession do you wish to practice in adulthood? Where would you like to be professionally in 10 years?
2. Describe any college preparatory programs in which you were involved. If not involved in any formal programs, please describe how you are preparing for college, and who is guiding or helping you in your effort.
3. List the activities in which you have participated both inside and outside of high school in the order of your interest. Provide a brief explanation of each. Emphasize any leadership positions in clubs, sports, and any outside interests.
4. List any jobs you have held during high school, including home responsibilities that demonstrate independence, reliability and maturity, and approximate hours per week worked along with brief explanation of your duties.

SECTION TWO: PERSONAL ESSAY

Choose **one** of the following three topics below and type a thoughtful, well-written essay that is between 300-500 words (approximately two typewritten pages double spaced)

- A. Describe a challenge you have faced in your life. Tell how you overcame that challenge and how it will influence your future choices for school and career.
- B. Tell us about the neighborhood in which you grew up and how current events or issues affect your community. How has it helped shape who you are today and where you want to go in the future?
- C. Who has been your inspiration and role model in your life? Tell how this relationship evolved and how it impacted your decision to attend college.

Student Information Form C

TO BE COMPLETED BY GUIDANCE COUNSELOR - PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT NEATLY

Guidance Counselor Recommendation

The student below is applying for The Economic Club of Washington, D.C. scholarship. The Economic Club seeks students with motivation, good character and academic promise.

Directions: Please complete the following information and attach a separate letter of recommendation as detailed in 7 below. Please do not write on the back of this form.

1. Student Name: _____
2. Name of High School: _____
3. Name of Counselor: _____
4. Title: _____
5. Email: _____
6. Direct Phone Number: _____
7. Using a separate page, please assess this student's attributes using concrete examples if possible. Consider addressing the following:
 - Academic achievement, tenacity, or strengths
 - Artistic ability if applicable
 - Social and leadership potential
 - Desire and determination to attend college
 - Interest and participation in extracurricular activities and community service
 - Financial need
8. Counselor's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Information Form D

TO BE COMPLETED BY TEACHER - PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT NEATLY

Teacher Recommendation

The student below is applying for The Economic Club of Washington, D.C. scholarship. The Economic Club seeks students with motivation, good character and academic promise.

Directions: Please complete the following information and attach a separate letter of recommendation as detailed in 7 below. Please do not write on the back of this form.

1. Student Name: _____
2. Name of High School: _____
3. Name of Teacher: _____
4. Title: _____
5. Email: _____
6. Direct Phone Number: _____
7. Using a separate page, please assess this student's attributes using concrete examples if possible. Consider addressing the following:
 - Academic achievement, tenacity, or strengths
 - Artistic ability if applicable
 - Social and leadership potential
 - Desire and determination to attend college
 - Interest and participation in extracurricular activities and community service
 - Financial need
8. Teacher's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Nominating Committee Form E

OFFICIAL USE ONLY.

TO BE FILLED OUT BY PRINCIPAL/AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

If you have questions about this form...

DCPS: Contact Mr. Dylan Hart-Medina dylan.hart-medina@k12.dc.gov

DC Public Charter Schools: Contact Ms. Linda Larson 202.481.3259 scholarship@economicclub.org

Summary: The David M. Rubenstein/Economic Club of Washington D.C. scholarship provides an award of \$20,000 to select DC students who have been nominated by participating high schools. The principal of each school is required to form a Nominating Committee consisting of the principal and two additional faculty members. Principals are required to disclose the name, title and contact information for each of the nominating committee members.

Instructions: Principal or Authorized Representative of each DC Public School or Public Charter School should fill out Nominating Committee Form E for **each nominee** and one Nominating Committee Form E for one alternate per school. Please clearly state which application is the alternate. Submit entire application including attachments by close of business **Friday, February 14, 2020** by email as follows:

For DC Public School applications: Email: dylan.hart-medina@k12.dc.gov

For DC Public Charter School applications: Email: scholarship@economicclub.org

Authorization:

1. List total number of applications received and reviewed by Nominating Committee: _____

2. I hereby nominate and select _____,

Student name

Attending _____ to win the 2020 Scholarship.

High School

3. I certify that this student is currently a senior in high school and meets the following criteria: 1) is on track to graduate in June with the rest of his/her class, 2) is motivated to attend an institution of higher learning, 3) has identified an institution of higher learning to attend in the fall of 2020, 4) has demonstrated the hard work and commitment necessary to achieve the goal of attending an institution of higher learning, and 5) possesses qualities that will aid in the student's ultimate goal of graduating from a four year institution.

Please list the Nominating Committee Members (Principal plus two other faculty members):

Name: _____ Title: _____

Email address: _____

Name: _____ Title: _____

Email address: _____

Name: _____ Title: _____

Email address: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Authorized Committee Representative

Addendum: List of Eligible High Schools

DC Public High Schools

School	Scholarships
Anacostia	2
Ballou	2
Ballou STAY	1
Benjamin Banneker	2
Cardozo	2
Columbia Heights (Bell Multicultural)	2
Coolidge	2
Duke Ellington School of the Arts	2
Dunbar	2
Eastern	2
H.D. Woodson	2
Luke C. Moore	1
McKinley Technology	2
Ron Brown Preparatory	1
Phelps Architecture, Construction, and Engineering	2
Roosevelt	2
Roosevelt STAY	1
School Without Walls	2
Woodrow Wilson	2

DC Public Charter Schools

School	Scholarships
Capital City	1
Cesar Chavez - Parkside	1
E.L. Haynes	1
Friendship Collegiate Academy	2
Friendship Technology Preparatory	1
Integrated Design and Electronics Academy (IDEA)	1
KIPP DC College Preparatory	2
National Collegiate	1
Paul International	1
Richard Wright	1
Thurgood Marshall Academy	1
Washington Latin	1