

Iowa Black Alumni Association

2019-2020 Scholarship application

The University of Iowa Black Alumni Association is pleased to announce the 2019-2020 Scholarship program. Scholarships will be awarded to qualified students who are currently enrolled full time at the University of Iowa (UI) and will be enrolled full time at the UI during the next academic year. Scholarships are to be used by students to supplement other financial assistance. All awards will be sent directly to the University of Iowa, Office of Student Financial Aid and are restricted to tuition, room and board, fees, textbooks and other directly related educational expenses. Applications must be submitted with the requested materials by **Monday, March 4, 2019**, to be considered.

I. Personal Information

Name of Applicant _____ E-mail address _____

Permanent Address (of Applicant) _____ Apt. No. _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone (_____) _____ Cell phone () _____

Parent/Guardian _____

Address: _____

Telephone number (_____) _____

(If you are selected to receive a scholarship, you will be required to provide your social security number in order to process your award.)

II. Academic Information for Currently Enrolled UI students - Year entered _____

Current grade level ___ Sophomore ___ Junior ___ Senior ___ Graduate Student **GPA** _____

Major Field of study _____ **Expected graduation date** _____

(An Official transcript is required with application)

III. Essay

Tell us about yourself. Please include the following information:

- (1) Your career goals and work experience,
- (2) **Volunteer work or community service**,
- (3) Other activities including athletics and extracurricular activities, talents, awards, special recognition, etc. Include information regarding your participation in any school, neighborhood or community organizations. *(Please provide the requested information on no more than two typewritten pages (double spaced).*

IV. Where to Send Completed Applications and Related Materials

Please send your completed applications and related materials to:

Dr. Venise Berry
c/o African American Council
University of Iowa
E340 AJB
Iowa City, IA 52242

Eligibility Requirements - To be eligible to apply for the IBAA Scholarship, applicants must meet the following requirements:

1. A **sophomore, junior, senior or graduate student** at the University of Iowa.
2. Have a minimum 2.5 cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale.
3. Currently enrolled full time at the UI and will be enrolled full time at the UI during the next academic year.

Application Process and Deadline - Students are required to submit an official application that includes:

- I. A completed application form
- II. An essay (*The essay must be typed, double spaced and included with the application form*).
- III. **Two** letters of recommendation (*Applicant will distribute the letter of recommendation forms*).
- IV. An official transcript

Completed applications must be postmarked NO LATER than Monday, March 4, 2019. Applications that are received after this date or applications that are incomplete will be considered ineligible and will be rejected.

Rules and Guidelines

Scholarship Award - The Scholarship award will be paid directly to the University of Iowa. The scholarship award is restricted to costs associated with tuition, room and board, fees, textbooks and other directly related educational expenses that are incurred during the academic year in which the award is granted.

- Award notification will be sent to the University of Iowa.
- The award will be issued in two equal installments over two semesters.

Award Period – The scholarship award must be used by the student/University of Iowa during the academic year (August to August) in which it was awarded. Any remaining funds cannot be carried over to the next academic year or any other academic year following the year of award. All unused funds at the end of the academic year must be returned to the IBAA.

Individuals who choose not to attend the University of Iowa during the academic year in which the award is granted must forfeit their award.

Evaluation Criteria - The applicant will be evaluated for excellence in scholastics, merit, and community service. The following point system will be utilized:

- Scholarship/Overall Academic Achievement (40 Points)
- Community Service/Volunteer Participation (10 Points)
- *Two Letters of Recommendation (20 Points)
- Essay: (30 Points)

****It is strongly recommended that letters come from an academic advisor, professor, instructor, community leader, supervising employer, etc.***

Notification of Scholarship Awards - Applicants selected for a scholarship will be notified of their award via mail or e-mail in Early April.

Special Situations - In the event a recipient has to withdraw from the University of Iowa for any reason or if he/she experiences other extenuating circumstances during the duration of the award period, he/she is required to contact the Iowa Black Alumni Association Interim President, Mrs. Billie F. Townsend, 713 Whiting Avenue, Iowa City, Iowa 52245 or phone 319-354-5995 or email cheespeedy@msn.com for details.

Status Reports - The Iowa Black Alumni Association is interested in the students' progress during and after the academic year. Recipients are required to submit a status report to the IBAA at the end of each semester. Failure to submit this information may affect future IBAA Scholarship awards.

III. Letter of Recommendation Form

Letter of Recommendation for _____
(Applicant's name)

The above named student is applying for the IBAA Scholarship Program, and you have been asked to provide a letter of reference in support of his/her application. Please take a few minutes to complete this form. You may use your own form or additional paper; however, the following questions must be answered:

1. How long have you known the applicant? _____
2. What is the nature of your relationship with the applicant? _____
3. Please provide a written statement giving your reasons why this student should be considered for a scholarship from the Iowa Black Alumni Association. (additional pages may be included)

Letter of recommendation submitted by: (Please Print) _____

Signature: _____

Business/Occupation/Affiliation: _____

Address: _____

Please provide a phone number where we may contact you, if necessary, to verify your recommendation or to further discuss the applicant.

Phone: _____ E-mail address _____

Please mail recommendation letter by Monday, March 4, 2019 to:

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THANK YOU

IBAA Scholarship Application Form 2019/20
Check List

_____ Completed Application form

_____ Personal Essay (including Community Service)

_____ Letters of Recommendation

_____ Copy of Official School Transcript