

*2009 Scholarship Program*

# AUSTIN AREA URBAN LEAGUE

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***ACHIEVEMENT MATTERS***

***Campaign for Academic Excellence***

***Mission Statement***

To assist African-Americans and disadvantaged citizens in the achievement of social and economic equality.

## PROGRAM

The Austin Area Urban League Achievement Matters Scholarship Program is intended to support the academic endeavors of minority and disadvantaged youth from low to moderate income families.

The goals of the program are to:

- To encourage high academic achievement
- To promote the development of leadership skills, community service, and civic responsibility
- To assist in the training and development of future Urban League volunteers and professionals

## THE APPLICATION PROCESS

The Urban League will promote the Achievement Matters Scholarship Program primarily through area high schools. Interested candidates may however, request an application by contacting the Austin Area Urban League directly through the address below:



**Austin Area Urban League**  
**Achievement Matters Scholarship Committee**  
**1033 La Posada Dr., Suite 150**  
**Austin, Texas 78752-3829**  
**(512) 478-7176 ext 231**  
**E-Mail: info@aul.org**

An application package is complete and eligible for consideration only when the following items are received by the deadline:

1. Application
2. One (1) essay
3. Official High School Transcript
4. ACT/SAT Score
5. Parent's/student's most recent federal income tax return
6. Three (3) letters of recommendation from: A) School Official, B) Peer, and C) Personal.
7. Student Photo (digital via email)

## APPLICATION DEADLINE: TBD

## THE SELECTION PROCESS

The Austin Area Urban League will screen each application to ensure compliance with program eligibility requirements. Each eligible application will be reviewed by the Urban League Achievement Matters Scholarship Committee.

Each application will be evaluated based on the following factors:

- Financial Need
- Degree of School & Community Involvement
- Academic Achievement
- Letters of Recommendation
- Essay

The Scholarship Committee will select finalists, who may be interviewed prior to final award determination. Scholarship winners will be notified on or about January 14, 2009.

## AMOUNT AND TERMS OF THE AWARDS

- Typically there are nine or more scholarships awarded each year ranging in value from \$1,000.00 to \$3,000.00. In 2007, \$30,000.00 was awarded.
- Payment is made directly to accredited institution of recipient's choice, earmarked for tuition, fees, and books.
- A letter of enrollment required prior to payment of the scholarship.

## ELIGIBILITY

An eligible candidate will:

- Be a graduating 2008 high school senior
- Have a minimum grade point average of 3.0
- Be a U.S. citizen and enrolled in a public school in Bastrop, Travis, Williamson, Caldwell or Hays Counties

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## ACHIEVEMENT MATTERS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION

### I. Personal Data

Last Name		First		Middle	
Address			City	State	Zip
Phone ( )		Alternative Phone ( )		Email Address:	
Sex  _____ M _____ F (CHECK ONE)		Race  __ African-American __ Latino __ White __ Other			Are you a U.S. Citizen?  ___ Yes ___ No

### II. Academic Background

High School Attending	Dates: From To	Classification/Year	Grade Point Average
Address		City	State Zip
College(s) planning to attend or applied to:  _____  _____  _____  _____			

### III. School & Community Involvement

<p>Describe activities and you role in them, including offices held, any awards and honors, and/or any work experience you have had within the past two years. If school and community involvement is limited, please explain why. (Attach additional pages as needed)</p> <p>_____  _____  _____  _____  _____  _____</p>
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## IV. Recommendations

Attach three letters of recommendation:

- 1) School Official – counselors, teachers, principal on official letterhead.
- 2) Peer – Student friend
- 3) Personal – Minister, neighbor, family friend

## V. One (1) essay (minimum 500 words, maximum 1,000 words combined)

Write one (1) essay covering the following subjects:

- 1) “Describe what you know about the Urban League and its’ impact in the community.”
- 2) “How do you expect to use this scholarship money to further your education and career objectives?”

**RESPONSES MUST BE TYPED AND RETURNED WITH THE APPLICATION**

## VI. Is there anything else we should know about you in considering this application?

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## VII. Other Scholarships

List any other scholarships and amounts that you have received or for which you are applying.

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## VIII. Certification Statement

I certify that all of the information on the Achievement Matters Scholarship Program application is correct.

<hr/> <b>Signature of Applicant</b>	<hr/> <b>Date</b>
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Please send this completed questionnaire, school transcript, test scores, financial forms, recommendation letters, photo and essay to the address below. All application materials must be postmarked by **TBD**.

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