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EDUCATION FOUNDATION**

**SCHOLARSHIP
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GEORGE BIDDLE KELLEY EDUCATION FOUNDATION

2018 Scholarship Application Suite

Program Overview:

The George Biddle Kelley Education Foundation is the charitable arm of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Beta Pi Lambda Chapter. The foundation was created under the principles of providing service and advocacy for communities in the Capital District. Scholarship, and love for all mankind are the seeds of our "Go To High School, Go To College" program, which supports this scholarship. Developed in the 1950's, the George Biddle Kelley Scholarship aims to award and acknowledge financially disadvantaged and underserved students from the Capital District, who are committed to the values of scholarship, and improving the lives of others in the community.

Available Scholarships: Applicants may apply for the general scholarship and up to two additional specific awards:

- George Biddle Kelley General Scholarship
- Elmer L. Green Scholarship for the Physical Sciences (Biology, Chemistry Physics, Engineering, etc.)
- Leon C. Nelson Scholarship for the Social Sciences (Sociology, Economics, Political Science, History, etc.)

Scholarship Eligibility Requirements: To be eligible for this scholarship, an applicant must meet the following criteria:

- Be a male from a traditionally underrepresented community in the Capital District
- Be a current candidate for graduation from an accredited public or private high school in the Capital District
- Have a minimum GPA of 3.0 (or 83 average)
- Have applied to, and/or been accepted into, a degree program at an accredited four-year college or university
- Submit a completed application – **All participants must complete the General Scholarship Application (Part I)**

Applications will be considered based on the following; documented financial need, live and work in diverse environments, exceptional leadership skills, scholarship and a commitment to community service.

Application Process:

Submission of a completed **George Biddle Kelley Education Foundation Scholarship Application** consisting of:

- ☐ An application cover sheet signed by both the student and a parent or legal guardian
- ☐ Completed short answer questions
- ☐ 400-500 word typed essay – Please follow the included essay guidelines
- ☐ Official school transcript in a sealed envelope
- ☐ Two (2) Letters of Recommendation

Finalists for the scholarship will be contacted by the Chair of the Scholarship Committee to participate in an interview.

All items should be submitted electronically to gbkfoundation@gmail.com ATTN: Scholarship Committee or mailed in an envelope postmarked no later than **Friday, May 25, 2018** to:

**George Biddle Kelley Education Foundation
ATTN: Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 14692
Albany, NY 12212-4164**

For additional information or questions, please call 518.847.2180 or gbkfoundation@gmail.com

GEORGE B. KELLEY EDUCATION FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

P.O. Box 14692 · Albany, New York · 12212-4164

Scholarship Application

Deadline: Friday, May 25, 2018

Application for: ☐ GBK General Scholarship (Part I only)

☐ GBK Elmer L. Green Scholarship (Parts I & II)

☐ GBK Leon C. Nelson Scholarship (Parts I & III)

PART I: GBK GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP (REQUIRED)

Name: _____

Address: _____ Preferred Phone Number: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email: _____ Birth Date: ____ - ____ - ____

Name of High School: _____ City: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Counselor's Name _____

Hobbies and Interests: _____

High School Accumulative GPA: _____

SAT score: CR ____ CM ____ CW ____ / ACT score: _____

Prospective Occupation or Field (Optional): _____

High School Graduation Date: _____

College/University of Interest to you	Applied? (Y/N)	Accepted? (Y/N/Unk)	Full Time Enrollment? (Y/N)

Do you receive free or reduced lunch at your current school (Y / N)

Please check all that apply: ☐ Foster Child ☐ First-Generation College Student ☐ Indigent Child

Yearly Family Income \$ _____

What was your EFC (Estimated Family Contributed) from the FAFSA Application \$ _____

Other Scholarship or Awards Money You Have Received \$ _____

Student/School Loans You Will Receive \$ _____

Total Number of Family Members: ____ Brothers: ____ Sisters: ____

Number of Family Members Currently Attending College (including yourself): _____

Date: _____

Activities/Leadership/Work Experience

Student Name _____

Please attach a current resume or list below your school activities, making note of all leadership positions, as well as awards and honors you have received. Community service includes any time donated to community, church or other organizations. If necessary, you may use additional 8 1/2" x 11" pages to complete your responses.

School Activity	Grade (9/10/11/12)	Hours per Week	Leadership Role
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Honors/ Awards (Please indicate year received)

Employer	Position Held	Employment Dates
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Community Service

Duties

Dates

Organizations	Duties	Dates
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Short Answer Responses

Student Name _____

Please provide short answers to the following questions. Your application will not be considered complete without this section.

1. Describe the attributes that make you a good leader. [150 words]

2. What is the greatest obstacle you've had to overcome? [150 words]

3. How do you cope with peer pressure? [150 words]

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Short Answer Responses

Student Name _____

4. What is the best lesson you have learned from your parents? **[150 words]**

5. What does success mean to you? **[150 words]**

6. How are you involved in the community? **[150 words]**

Essay Guidelines

The 2018 George Biddle Kelley Education Foundation Scholarship essay title is “**Future Contributions to My Community and Its Development.**” The George Biddle Kelley Education Foundation is strongly invested in the fundamentals of community involvement and advocacy. An important criterion for selecting the scholarship recipient is your potential to contribute back to your community. To assist the selection committee, please outline how you will contribute to your community during, and after your collegiate experience. In your essay clearly define the community you are coming from, what you consider to be its greatest needs and present your plan for providing these needs. Please use the space provided on the next page to write your essay.

The following are guidelines to assist you with developing your essay. Please follow the guidelines as written.

- The essay should be **400-500** words typed. Essays will not be returned.
- Your essay should focus on your own view of the status of your community and must describe what role you will play in its development.
- Your essay will be judged on:
 - a. **Creative content** – Did the applicant utilize a unique perspective or point of view?
 - b. **Idea Development & Focus** – Was the idea developed to its fullest extent? Was the essay coherent and rational? Did the applicant remain focused?
 - c. **Writing Style** – Includes format, spelling, punctuation, grammatical and typographical errors. **Any** grammatical or spelling errors will dramatically reduce your score.

**SPECIAL NOTE: FOR THE ELMER L. GREEN AND LEON C. NELSON SCHOLARSHIPS
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS REQUIRED - PLEASE REFER TO PAGES 9-10.**

Student Name _____

Essay [allow the entire page single spaced]

Student Name _____

PART II: GBK Elmer L. Green Scholarship Addendum

For the Elmer L. Green Scholarship please respond to the following questions

1. Given the decline in studying in Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM) related areas across the country, why do you still find this area as an attractive field of study? **[250 words]**
2. What do you hope to contribute to the sciences **(250 words)**?

Student Name _____

PART III: GBK Leon C. Nelson Scholarship Addendum

For the Leon C. Nelson Scholarship please respond to the following questions

1. Has social media's proliferation had a negative effect on young people? Please explain **[250 words]**
2. Does the election of Barack Obama as President of the United States prove that racism is over in America? Please explain **(250 words)**