



Black Educators Committee, Inc.

2026 Community Scholarship Application

The Black Educators Committee provides deserving high school seniors with scholarships to assist in their pursuit of higher education. Scholarships will be awarded to students attending an institution of higher learning for the first time in the Fall of 2026. All scholarship awards are earmarked for **“unmet needs”** - any costs or expenses not subsidized by grants, financial aid, or other tuition-related scholarships.

The Awards

The Black Educators Committee targets high school seniors entering a vocational/certificate program, community college, or four-year college/university in the Fall of 2026. The Black Educators Committee will award several one-time scholarships that recognize students for leadership, academic distinction, and community service.

Eligibility: The applicant must:

1. Be a current high school senior expected to receive a high school diploma by June 2026.
2. Have applied to an accredited vocational/technical college, university, or other institution of higher learning.
3. Have demonstrated leadership abilities through participation in community service, extracurricular or other activities.
4. *Please join the Black Educators Committee, Inc. Google Classroom, “Scholarship Headquarters-Black Educators Committee, Inc.”*
Class Code: dqirfby
5. Electronic submission of the scholarship application, documents, and materials is due by **Monday, February 23, 2026 @ 11:59 p.m.**
Please attach all required documents and turn them in by the due date.



Selection Criteria: Applicants will be selected as finalists based on their academic accomplishments, extracurricular/employment or other activities, letters of reference, and essays.

Documents to Submit:

1. A completed 2026 Community Scholarship Application (digital Google Form) https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1P4ha4jsxbjQBKqz_iCXTmte7wuivKsGxTcRaHBllp8/edit
2. A copy of the applicant's high school transcript.
3. A resume of high school honors, awards, activities, and employment, both in and out of the school setting.
4. Two letters of recommendation (one from a community leader and one from a teacher or guidance counselor).
Please have them email letters to scholarship@blackeducatorscommittee.org (They should put your first and last name in the subject line.)
5. A well-written 500-word essay to discuss the following topic: **LEGACY**

“You need not worry about how you will be remembered. Instead, focus on living a life of character, conviction, and compassion, and your legacy will never be forgotten.” By. Dr. Robyn Silverman

Black Educators Committee, Inc. is founded on “legacy.” How do you plan to live a life of character, conviction, and compassion so your legacy will never be forgotten?

6. A senior photo in graduation or business attire.



Application Timeline

Deadline

A completed electronic application, together with ALL required documents attached, must be submitted via Google Classroom by **Monday, February 23, 2026 @ 11:59 p.m.**

Awards Notifications

Scholarship recipients will be informed of their awards by **Thursday, March 19, 2026.** Disbursement of awards will follow after receipt of written verification from an accredited vocational/technical college, university, or other institution of higher learning that the awardee is matriculated for the Fall of 2022.

Award Ceremony **Thursday, May 7, 2026**

Freeport Memorial Library

144 West Merrick Road

6:30 - 8:30 pm

Incomplete applications will not be considered. No exceptions.