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The *Save A Girl, Save A World* Kathleen Lynn Marie Wilkes Scholarship fund is sponsored by Volkswagen Group of America and will be awarded to students who achieve academic success and need financial assistance based on their active role of public service in their communities. The goal of the SAG/SAW program is to develop leadership skills, encourage a spirit of social justice and an advocacy for social change. Scholarship award amounts up to \$2500 will be awarded to the winning recipients.

SAVE A GIRL, SAVE A WORLD is a non-profit organization founded in 2011 by a diverse group of women leaders and led by Glenda Gill. The purpose of the organization is to serve as a female multi-generational mentoring program that encourages and inspires college and high school students to pursue professional and personal leadership capabilities.

About Kathleen Lynn Marie Wilkes

“Kathleen “Kathi” Wilkes raised the bar and set the standard for all those around her as well as other seasoned professionals. Her professional career was a composite of numerous fields including: registered nurse, college professor, practicing attorney, government relations & business consultant, Chief of Staff for a congressional representative, senior policy advisor and a Capitol Hill lobbyist. *Kathi* was a woman of many triumphs who had a great fondness for young people. She was an adventurous entrepreneur and was equipped to climb the highest mountains and obtain the greatest achievements.

Two of her many accomplishments included raising over \$16 million dollars for the historic *Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial* as well as working with Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee to secure substantial funding for the historic *Sojourner Truth* bust which is placed in the Washington, D.C. Capitol Rotunda. *Kathi* was a true servant, community leader and mentor to many staffers on Capitol Hill where she was an advisor to many Congressional Black Caucus members over many years. She was a dedicated member of the *National Coalition on Black Civic Participation-Black Women’s Roundtable* and served as a founding board member for Bennett College’s *Save a Girl, Save A World* mentoring program. She had a “true” passion for mentorship, politics and was actively involved in community advocacy. *Kathi* made her heavenly transition in July, 2012 and she is missed by many who loved her and worked with her.

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Scholarship Application Form 2017

(Please Type or Print and submit 1 copy of all required documents with 1 Photo Headshot)

Eligibility and Requirements

A. Qualifications:

- Must be a sophomore in college by August 1, 2017;
- Must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.75;
- Must demonstrate financial need for next semester;
- Must be enrolled as a participant in the “7th Annual SAGSAW” retreat weekend;
- Must commit to full participation in the yearly SAGSAW program.

B. Demonstration:

- Must demonstrate participation in community service;
- Must demonstrate leadership in either school or community activities;
- Must demonstrate the ability to overcome obstacles to achieve academic success and personal goals.

C. Documentation:

- A completed and submitted application by October 20, 2017;
- Official transcript;
- Two letters of recommendation (from college and a community/service organization);
- Proof of current enrollment at Bennett College or Clark Atlanta University (course schedule).

D. Essay:

- Must submit minimum 500-word essay;

The required essay must highlight your SAVE A GIRL, SAVE A WORLD participation and address one of the following:

- What’s your vision in utilizing your education to make a positive impact in your community;
- How do you visualize your role in advancing social change in your community, country and internationally;
- What’s your vision in contributing to the professional and personal development of young women after they graduate college?

The application period opens on *August 15, 2017*. To apply for the *SAVE A GIRL, SAVE A WORLD Kathleen L.M. Wilkes Scholarship* please visit: www.savegirlssaveaworld.org

The application deadline is 5:00 p.m. EST. *October 20, 2017*.

The awards will be announced during SAGSAW retreat weekend, November 3-5, 2017.

The winning essays will be featured in the next issue of I-Matter Newsletter.

Please email all materials in a single file to info@savegirlssaveaworld.org with subject SAG, SAW 2017 Scholarship.

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A. Personal Information

1. Full Name (Last, First, Middle)

2. Birthdate _____ 3. Gender _____ 4. U.S. Citizen: YES ____ NO ____

5. Cell Phone _____

6. Home Phone _____

7. Email _____

8. Current (School) Mailing Address

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

9. Permanent Mailing Address

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

10. Contact Person (i.e. Parent, Guardian)

Email: _____ Phone: _____

B. Academic Information

1. University/College _____

2. Major/Field of Study (Interest) _____

3. Class Standing (circle one): 1year / 2Year/3Year /4year

4. Current GPA (3.0 or more required) _____

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5. Previous academic honors, fellowships and awards

_____ (feel free attach info)

6. School Financial Aid Department Contact

7. Please describe any interests and/or hobbies

C. Essay (Max 500 words) Theme: TRANSFORMATION = VISION

D. Scholarship Submission Checklist

- ☐ Scholarship Application
- ☐ Essay
- ☐ Headshot Photo
- ☐ 2 Letters of Recommendation (1 from college and 1 from community/service organization)
- ☐ Bennett College Transcripts
- ☐ Proof of Current Enrollment

D. Acknowledgement

I certify that the information provided in my application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of the applicant (required) _____

Date _____