*Trinity (TX) Chapter, The Links, Incorporated*

*P.O. Box 820534*

*Dallas, TX 75382-0534*

**TRINITY LINKS 2018 SCHOLARSHIP FOR EXCELLENCE INFORMATION**

Dear High School Counselor (s):

Trinity (TX) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated will award its **Scholarship for Excellence** in May, 2018. Scholarships in the amount of $l,000.00 each will be awarded. As a primary contact with graduating seniors, we feel that you can be a valuable asset in assisting us reach **graduating seniors** who would benefit from the Trinity Links’ Scholarship for Excellence. All applications must be received by **March 23, 2018** to be considered.

Trinity Links Scholarship for Excellence recognizes that youthful achievements are not limited to academics. For this reason, the scholarship is dedicated to helping highly motivated African American and former **So SMAART** participants who have demonstrated a strong commitment to community involvement and to pursuing their college education and career dreams as well. For your information, **So SMAART** (Set on Science, Math, Arts, Aviation, and Technology) is a program of Trinity Chapter of The Links,. to support elementary and middle school girls to pursue STEM careers. The scholarships will provide financial assistance for education and training beyond high school. They will help pay for preparation for a career through an accredited institution of higher education, including a community college or a four-year university.

Applicants will be judged on the following criteria: 1) Thirty percent (30%) will be based on financial need;

2) Twenty percent (20%) will be based on community service/involvement; 3) Thirty percent (30%) will be based on grades/achievement and educationally-related information; and 4) Twenty percent (20%) will be based on the essay. Winners must submit proof of graduation from high school before receiving scholarship check(s) and documentation of acceptance and enrollment at the post-secondary institution of their choice. The scholarship may be used for enrollment, tuition, fees, and books required for course instruction at an accredited institution of higher education.

Should you or other interested persons have questions or need clarification regarding this scholarship, please contact Lynda Edwards at 214-850-6661 (c) or [ledwards@dcccd.edu](mailto:ledwards@dcccd.edu) . Thank you for your support in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

**Sonya Hoskins, President Lynda Edwards, Chair**

**Trinity (TX) Chapter, The Links, Incorporated Scholarship Committee**

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**Scholarship for Excellence**

ATTACH

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Forward all required forms and information by **March 23, 2018** to:

**Scholarship Committee**

Trinity Chapter,The Links, Incorporated

P.O. Box 820534

Dallas, Texas 75382-0534

Or

Scan all forms and email them to:

[ledwards@dcccd.edu](mailto:ledwards@dcccd.edu)

Lynda Edwards

Requirements:

Successful candidates for selection as scholarship recipients must be African American and/or former So SMAART students who meet the following criteria and requirements:

1. A high school graduating senior for the spring of 2018.

2. Have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 (on a 4.0 system).

3. Submit **two** (2) letters of recommendation (at least one should be from a high school counselor).

4. Attach a copy of a recent high school transcript

Instructions: The accuracy, completeness, legibility and quality of information provided in the application are important factors in the evaluation of your application. **Please TYPE your responses**. **Incomplete applications will not be considered eligible** for scholarship awards.

**Application Form**

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**Scholarship for Excellence**

1. **APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Last Name First Name MI Home Telephone Number

Home address City State Zip code

Date of Birth Age E-mail Address

Parents’ Name Address City/State/Zip Code

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School Name Address City/State/Zip Code

Principal’s Name Counselor’s Name

Date of Graduation GPA Class Rank

Did you participate in the So SMAART program when you were in elementary or middle school? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No

If yes, please provide the school and year(s) that you were in So SMAART.

School \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Grade Levels you were in So SMAART \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Years in So SMAART\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1st Choice

College Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

II.

EDUCATION/CAREER GOALS

College or University of Choice:

Accepted: Yes No

City/State/ Zip Code

Accepted: Yes No

City/State/ Zip Code

Undergraduate Major:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

III.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

3. Are there other siblings in College? \_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No. If yes, how many?

4. Other family circumstances that may impact your ability to attend college. Please use an additional page if needed.

IV.

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION (**Use additional sheets for this section as needed**)

2. List School organizations/activities/recognitions

3.Listcommunity/civic organizations/activities/recognitions.

4. Personal Statement of Goals and Objectives: Submit a one to two page typed written essay (double-spaced) on your career goals and your plans for using your education, talents, and personal attributes to achieve them.

If you previously participated in So SMAART, please describe your experiences and what the program meant to you.

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**SCHOLARSHIP FOR EXCELLENCE**

Minor:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. Financial Aid information; obtain estimated family contribution (EFC) from FAFSA.GOV.

1. Discuss your talents or special skills, interests or leadership qualities that you have demonstrated in school and/or community organizations.

1. Number of members in family including parents:

2nd Choice: ­

College Nam\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_