SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION AND GUIDELINES

The American Association of Blacks in Energy is a professional organization of African Americans in the energy industry. Through its Scholarship Program, AABE seeks to help increase the number of African Americans, Hispanics and Native Americans (underrepresented minorities) in energy related fields. By doing so, we help our nation address a critical need and a challenge to our future economic vitality in the world market.

Eligibility

Candidates for an AABE scholarship must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Have, minimally, an overall "B" academic average and a "B" average in mathematics and science courses (3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale).
- Be a graduating high school senior who has applied to one or more accredited colleges/universities.
- Plan to major in business, engineering, technology, mathematics or physical science fields.
- Demonstrate financial need (needed only if selected as a candidate for the National Scholarship process).
- Be a member of one of the underrepresented minority groups (African American, Hispanic or Native American) in the sciences and related areas of technology.

Selection

Scholarship recipients - known as AABE Scholars - are determined each spring by the organization's local chapter scholarship committee for local scholarships and by the National Scholarship Committee for national scholarships. Recipients receive notification of their selection.

Awards

The Birmingham Chapter of AABE will award its Premier Scholarship in the amount of $5,000. The top winner's application is forwarded to compete for a Southeast Regional Award of $3,000 (if winner meets all of the above eligibility requirements). The Southeast Region is one of six AABE Regions. Additionally, a Premier Award of $5,000 is given annually to the candidate who is judged to demonstrate the most outstanding achievement and promise. **National Awards are made to the students upon presentation of proof of enrollment at an accredited college or university. Distribution of local chapter awards are made at the discretion of the local chapter upon proof of enrollment at an accredited college or university.**

The Application Package

Consideration will be given only to candidates submitting complete application packages which include: (1) a completed AABE application form (copies are acceptable); (2) a high school transcript; (3) official proof of ACT or SAT scores; (4) two letters of reference; (5) parent(s)/ guardian(s) please provide **one** of the following official verifications of income: copy of a signed **2011** tax return(1st page & signature page only) **or** a **verified** FAFSA form; and (6) a completed checklist. Please redact Social Security Numbers from any documents.

*Complete application packages **MUST BE POSTMARKED** **NO LATER THAN** **March 2, 2012** and submitted to the local AABE chapter listed below. Applications returned to the AABE national office or the National Scholarship Committee are in violation of procedures and will not be considered for scholarship support.*

Mail Application to: *American Association of Blacks in Energy*
Attn: Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 3035
Birmingham, AL 35202

In lieu of mailing, complete application packages may also be scanned and emailed (by the due date) to the following email address: apjuett@southernco.com or jennefer.whisenhunt@elpaso.com.

NOTE: Files larger than 2.5 MB may need to be zipped or reduced to ensure delivery.

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name_____ Phone (____) _____
Last First M.I.

Address_____
Street City State Zip

Email address _____

Cell Phone (_____) _____ Date of Birth _____ Sex: M__ F__

Parent(s)/Guardian

Father_____
Name Occupation

Address _____ Home Phone_____

Employer _____ Phone_____

Employer's Address _____

Mother _____
Name Occupation

Address _____ Home Phone_____

Employer _____ Phone_____

Employer's Address _____

Guardian _____
Name Occupation

Address _____ Home Phone _____

Employer _____ Phone_____

Employer's Address _____

Guardian's Relationship to Applicant _____

Email address of parent or guardian _____

No. of Siblings under age 25 & Their Ages _____

Family Income: $_____ per year (*attach copy of signed* ***2011*** *tax return (1st page and signature page)* ***or*** *verified FAFSA).* ***NOTE: Highlighted item is needed only if candidate is also to be considered for a National award.***

College(s) to which you have applied_____
Where accepted? _____Intended major_____
Expected date of enrollment _____
Total score for ACT _____ or SAT _____ Date you took examination_____
Critical Reading score _____ Math score _____ Writing score _____
Overall academic grade average _____ **on a 4.0 scale**.
Weighted academic grade point average _____on a _____ scale.

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Name of high school presently attending:

_____

Address _____

Expected date of graduation _____

Principal's name_____Phone_____

Extracurricular Activities in Which You Are Presently Active (Junior year to present):

1. School Activities _____

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2. Community Activities _____

_____

3. Offices Held and Honors Received _____

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4. Employment (state whether summer or during school term) _____

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On a separate sheet, in 350 words or less (typed, doubled-spaced), please write a concise essay addressing (1) why you should receive an AABE scholarship (2) **how your professional career objectives relate to the energy field** and (3) any additional information which may assist the selection committee. **This essay will be reviewed based upon punctuation, grammar, structure, organization, content, and clarity.**

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Please give the names, addresses and telephone numbers of two references, other than members of your family:

Name _____ Name _____

Address _____ Address _____

_____ _____

Telephone (____)_____ Telephone (____)_____

Relationship to Applicant _____ Relationship to Applicant_____

I hereby state that the information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

_____ _____

Applicant's Signature Date

_____ _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Signature Date

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Scholarship Application Checklist

The following is a list of qualifications and items that MUST be submitted in order for a scholarship application to be considered. Every candidate must be able to check each line.

As a candidate for the AABE scholarship program, I affirm the following:

____ **I have an academic average of "B" or better (3.0 on a 4.0 scale).**

____ **I am a graduating high school senior who intends to enroll next semester in an accredited college or university.**

____ **I will major in business, engineering, technology, mathematics or physical science fields.**

____ **I am one of the underrepresented minorities (African American, Hispanic or Native American) in the sciences and related area of technology.**

____ **I have submitted a completed AABE application form (copies are acceptable).**

NOTE: This next statement applies only if applicant is selected to compete on a National level.

____ **I have attached ALL (Parent(s) or guardian) official verification of income (copy of signed 2011 tax return (1st page & signature page); 1098; 1099; or public assistance income verification from 2011.**

____ **I have attached an official current high school transcript.**

____ **I have composed the requested essay and it has been proofread for typing errors, grammar, structure, organization, content and clarity.**

____ **I have attached a copy of the official record of my ACT and/or SAT scores.**

____ **I have identified the number of dependent siblings and/or dependent children living in my home along with the ages of those siblings or children.**

____ **I have attached two (2) letters of reference.**

____ **I have additional sheets, as needed, to list all of my school and community extracurricular activities.**

____ **My name appears on ALL attachments.**

Your signature below signifies you have checked each line above and therefore affirm each statement. After signing, attach this form to the front of your application. Applications will not be reviewed without the checklist attached. Any omissions or misrepresentations of the truth will be grounds for disqualification.

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Student's Name (PRINT) **Date** **School Counselor's Name (PRINT)** **Date**

_____ _____

Student's Signature **Date** **School Counselor's Signature** **Date**

Email _____

Phone _____

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