



15,000 DEGREES SCHOLARSHIP



15K Degrees is a new initiative to actively engage and mobilize Louisville's African American community in support of 55,000 Degrees – Greater Louisville's Education Commitment. 15K Degrees seeks to add 15,000 additional post-secondary degrees to Louisville's African American community by 2020.

This is a last dollar grant for up to \$1,500.00 to cover tuition, books and fees. The number of scholarships granted will depend upon the funds available. Although the scholarship is not renewable, students may re-apply each year for consideration.

Eligibility

- Must be a graduating high school student or have attended college in the past (24 months) but did not complete a degree program and not currently attending
- Enrolled to attend one of the following schools: University of Louisville, Bellarmine University, Sullivan University, Spalding University, Kentucky State University, Jefferson Community & Technical College, Indiana University Southeast, or Ivy Tech Community College
- Pursuing a bachelors or associates degree
- Demonstrate financial need
- African American descent

Additional Requirements

In order for your application to be considered, the following attachments must be submitted with the completed application:

- Your most recent official academic transcript
- Copy of your letter of acceptance to the school of your choice
- A copy of your Student Aid Report (SAR) furnished by the U.S. Department of Education, indicating your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) toward your college education. You can obtain an application for the Student Aid Report from your school's financial aid office or online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.
- Two letters of recommendation from persons who know you well. May not be a relative.
- On a separate sheet of paper, write an essay (300 words or less) on what higher education means to you.
- A recent photo (head and shoulders) of yourself

Deadline

The deadline for this application is March 15, 2012. For questions contact Gail Sanders at gails@cflouisville.org or 502.585.4649 ext 1025. Return this application with all required attachments to The Community Foundation of Louisville at 325 West Main Street, Suite 1110 Louisville, KY 40202.

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Name _____
First Middle Last

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ County _____

Date of Birth _____ Email _____
MM/DD/YYYY

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Intended course of study, if known _____

Institution you may attend if you are selected for this scholarship _____

Tuition per year (do not include books & supplies) _____

Room & board per year (if applicable) _____

These questions are directed to the applicant and his or her parents or guardians with whom the applicant resides or who will be responsible for the applicant's education under direction from a legal authority such as a court of law.

Financial support you expect to receive for expenses from sources outside your immediate family (child support, grandparents, Social Security, etc) _____

Number of family members (under the age of 18) currently living in household _____

Please list the name(s) and age(s) of any family members living in household that are currently enrolled at a post-secondary institution.

Name _____ School Attending _____

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Other scholarships you have received or expect to receive, if known, at this time

Name or source of scholarship _____ Amount _____

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Current annual combined (gross) income range of household (circle one)

Below \$30,000 \$30,000-\$45,999 \$46,000-\$60,999 \$61,000-\$80,000 Over \$80,000

Current employment status _____

Name/address of employer _____

Is anyone dependent on you? (circle one) Yes No

Name Address Relationship Age

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To the best of my ability, I attest that the above information is true.

Signature of applicant _____ Date _____

Do not staple any of the documents submitted.