



# SOMERSET COUNTY DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BLACK CAUCUS

## Scholarship Application Instructions

### Purpose

The purpose of the Somerset County Future Leaders Scholarship is to provide a scholarship award to continuing college students who reside in Somerset County and have shown an interest in Social Justice and have a passion for Community Service and/or Activism. This scholarship recognizes continuing college students of Black African descent who have made contributions to their community and engagement towards matters of their community's socio-economic health and well-being in New Jersey.

### Awards

Two undergraduate scholarship awards are available. Each scholarship will be valued in the amount of \$500.00 up to \$1000.00 for a single year. Awards are for one year only; however, recipients may re-apply for a second year. All scholarship awards will be paid directly to the recipients.

### Eligibility

1. Applicants must be full-time undergraduate students attending a 2- or 4-year accredited college or university as a sophomore or junior.
2. Applicants must reside in Somerset County.
3. Applicants should have a demonstrated interest in the social justice, community service and/or activism.
4. Applicants must have completed at least one (1) year of college credits by the time the award is received.
5. Applicants must be US citizens of Black African descent.

Somerset County Democratic Committee Black Caucus (SCDCBC) will not award scholarships to applicants who are not qualified and we reserve the right not to award a scholarship in a given year.

### Selection Criteria

1. Demonstrated or expressed interest in social justice, community service and/or activism
2. Student essay
3. Letters of recommendation
4. Academic standing (*must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.7, see chart below for reference*)

Letter Grade	Percent Grade	4.0 Scale
A+	97-100	4.0
A	93-96	4.0
A-	90-92	3.7
B+	87-89	3.3
B	83-86	3.0
B-	80-82	2.7
C+	77-79	2.3

5. If selected, recipient or a representative must be able to attend the SCDCBC & Scholarship Fundraiser on **March 5, 2022**



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### Application Requirements

To be considered for a Somerset County Future Leaders Scholarship Award, applicants must complete an application and **return it to SCDCBC by January 28, 2022**. The application must include:

1. A completed application form. Only completed application forms will be considered.
2. Two (2) letters of recommendation with at least one from a professor or school official at the college level. Be certain to remind your references to send in these forms by the application deadline.
3. An official college transcript for the last completed year. See below for information on transcript submission.
4. A one-page (< 500 words) student statement highlighting why you are applying for the scholarship, your qualifications, educational and career goals. See below for information about student statement submission.

**\*\*\*\* All four of the above items must be submitted before the application will be considered.**

### Submission of Application Form & Required Materials

#### **Online Application**

The online application cannot be submitted until **all required fields** are completed including the electronic signature. Be sure to upload all required attachments (*i.e., the transcript document and student statement*) using the upload feature **before** hitting the application submit button. Submit all application material in pdf format.

#### **PDF Application**

Download the PDF application and fill it out completely. Be certain to include the other required material (*i.e., student statement and copy of official transcript*) along with your application when sending in your application via email or postal mail. See mailing information below. For the Student statement, you may use the page included in the application form, or attach a separate page. For the signature, print out the completed application, sign it, and either scan it in as a PDF file to be emailed or mail in the signed application via postal mail.

#### **Letters of Recommendation**

Letters of recommendation should be sent directly from the author to the SCDCBC email address (**as PDF files**) or to the SCDCBC postal address provided below. The name of each recommendation file should include the applicant's last name as part of that file. The letter should indicate the capacity in which the letter writer knows the applicant, e.g., as a student, employee, or other capacity. Be certain to remind your references to send in these forms by the **application deadline of January 28, 2022**.

### Mailing Information

If not submitting an online application, completed applications along with required material (*i.e., student statement and copy of official college transcript*) may be sent to the following Email Address:

**[scdcblackcaucus.scholarship@gmail.com](mailto:scdcblackcaucus.scholarship@gmail.com)**

Alternatively, completed applications along with required material (*i.e., student statement and copy of official college transcript*) may be mailed to:

**SCDCBC Scholarship Program  
873 Hamilton Street Unit A# 115  
Somerset, NJ 08873**

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**ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS DUE January 28, 2022**

Questions about the application process may be directed to  
**[scdcblackcaucus.scholarship@gmail.com](mailto:scdcblackcaucus.scholarship@gmail.com)**