

sac cultural hub

Media Foundation

APPLICATION FORM: 2015 Young Exceptional Women of Color (Y-EWOC) Scholarship Competition

The completed Young EWOC Scholarship Application Form and all required supporting documents must be submitted in PDF format via email to ewocscholarship@sacculturalhub.com by 12 midnight on September 10, 2015.

Type or print all entries in ink.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Permanent Mailing Address: Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Day Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____ Birthdate (must be 14-21 yrs): _____

Current School (must be located in Northern California): _____ Location (city): _____

Anticipated Year of Graduation: _____ Current GPA: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian (if under 18): _____

Guardian's Phone: _____ Guardian's Email: _____

Please explain your plans for higher education in the future: _____

“What Makes an Exceptional Woman of Color?” Submission

I am submitting an (please check one or both boxes; you are not required to submit both)

Essay (not to exceed 1,000 words) and/or YouTube Video (not to exceed 3 minutes)

If you are submitting a YouTube video, please type in the URL for its location below:

INSTRUCTIONS for Submitting Application Information

Prepare and submit all of the documents below as one (1) .pdf and send electronically to ewocscholarship@sacculturalhub.com.

- Completed Application Form
- Essay based on "What Makes An Exceptional Women of Color?"
- One letter of reference – can either be a character reference by someone you know, or a teacher/mentor reference (reference cannot be from someone related to you) - provide an appropriate john doe type letter on letterhead as an example
- Current high school or college transcript
- Resume

Essay Guide

The essay gives you an opportunity to be creative and express your beliefs and opinions on “What Makes An Exceptional Woman of Color?” There is no one correct way to write the essay.

Elements or information that you may include in the essay but are not required:

- What is your personal definition of an exceptional woman?
- Why do you believe certain behavior(s), characteristics, or action(s) make someone exceptional?
- How does someone become exceptional? What is the pathway to being an exceptional woman of color?
- Who are people you admire and why?
- In what ways have you been influenced by someone exceptional?
- How will you strive to be an exceptional influence during your life?
- What challenges do women of color face?
- What strengths do women of color bring to their families, workforce, and community?

Letter of Reference Guide

Provide a character reference by someone you know, such as a teacher, mentor, counselor, or employer. The reference cannot be from someone related to you. A sample letter is included at the end of the application for your reference. Tips for completing the letter of reference requirements are:

- Choose people who know you and can talk about a project or work you've done
- Ask in advance giving them 1-2 weeks to provide you with the letter
- Call them directly to ask if they will write a letter of reference for you. Be prepared to:
 - Talk about the project or work you've done with them to refresh their memory.
 - Share what you are doing now if the project or work has ended
 - Share why you are applying for the scholarship
 - Give them information on how to get the letter to you and the date you need it
 - Thank them for their support

- Describe what is needed in the letter of support:
 - How do they know you?
 - What do they feel are your character and skill strengths?
 - Would they recommend you to receive the scholarship?
- Keep a copy of the letter for yourself and submit a copy of the letter with the application

School Transcript

Your school transcript lists the classes you've taken, the grades you received, and your GPA. Transcripts are usually obtained from your school administrative or registrar's office. Contact the office as soon as you decide to apply for the scholarship to find out what steps are needed to get a copy of your transcript. In some cases, there may be a cost to get a copy of the transcript and time needed for mailing.

Resume

A resume lists your education, employment history, skills, community/volunteer service, and awards. Use the resume to showcase your unique experience. A sample resume is included at the end of the application.

We have provided a sample Application Packet that can be downloaded to use as a guide in assembling your application. A Scholarship Application Writing Tips and Helpful Hints sheet is also available to download. Go to the following links:

- http://www.sacculturalhub.com/y-ewoc_sch_app_helpful-hints-n-tips.pdf
- http://www.sacculturalhub.com/2014_y-ewoc-sch-competition_sample-app_frm.pdf

AWARDS RECOGNITION & WINNER NOTIFICATION

There will be two (2) Y-EWOC Scholarship Awards presented at the 2015 EWOC- Exceptional Women of Color Conference on Saturday, October 3, 2015. Notifications will be received via e-mail and/or by phone July 14, 2015. Scholarship awards will be presented at the EWOC Conference.

If selected to receive a Young EWOC Scholarship, Sac Cultural Hub will request your photo and reserves the right to use your picture and information on the Internet and in print format.

SUBMISSION CHECKLIST of All Required Documents that must be sent electronically as a .pdf to ewocscholarship@sacculturalhub.com by 12 midnight on September 10, 2015. Please initial each item below and also sign and date at bottom of this form.

____ YES, I have included a completed and signed copy of the Y-EWOC Scholarship Application Form.

____ YES, I am a Women of Color full-time student (between ages of 14-21 years of age) and I have included documentation included for proof of enrollment in a high school or college located in Northern California.

____ YES, I have included one (1) letter of reference from a mentor and/or educator (e.g. – teacher, counselor, etc.). Do not submit a reference from someone related to you.

____ YES I have included my Essay (in response to the question of “What Makes An Exceptional Women of Color?”).

and/or

____ YES, I have included the URL link for a YouTube video on response to the question of “What Makes An Exceptional Women of Color?”

Signature of Applicant: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian (if under 18): _____ Date: _____