

THE DR. WARDELL GRANT NICHOLS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2020-2021

The Dr. Wardell G. Nichols Scholarship announces plans to award its third scholarship to two (2) deserving students who desire to continue his/her studies. This scholarship is sponsored by the Hillside High School 2017/2020 Reunion Committee – South Carolina Chapter.

The goal of the scholarship is parallel to the beliefs of the late **Dr. Wardell G. Nichols** who was the principal for fifteen years (1955 – 1970) at Hillside Elementary & High School, Heath Springs, South Carolina. He was an advocate for students excelling in education and writing personal messages to all the graduating seniors telling them that there is no end to learning. The Scholarship Committee has agreed to offer **TWO (2) \$750.00 scholarships** to assist in college expenses for the 2020-2021 school years.

WHO CAN APPLY: Any African-American high school student who is a **Spring 2020** graduating senior, is a resident of Lancaster or Kershaw Counties, and who has been accepted in either an accredited university or technical school.

HOW TO APPLY: Return **THE ORIGINAL** and **TWO (2) COPIES** of your completed application packet **ALONG** with:

- Essay - **(At least 500 Words – No longer than two pages.)**
- Three (3) letters of recommendation
 - **Please note: Recommendations should include the extent and the capacity of how well the person knows you, describe your demonstrated potential for academic success, and describe your distinctive personal qualities, particularly with respect to leadership and service**
- and an **OFFICIAL** copy (**stamped and signed by guidance personnel**) of your transcript in a sealed envelope (an unofficial copy of your transcript or an official copy of your transcript that is not in a sealed envelope will be deemed invalid).

APPLICATION: Application may be downloaded online from **www.hillsidehs.com**. The link to the application is located on the Home Page.

DEADLINE: All requested information must be mailed and postmarked on or before **Friday, March 27, 2020**.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Cumulative grade point average of **2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale** (10%)
- Activities (school, community, and religious organization) (40%)
- Written expression (essay) (20%)
- Recommendations (30%)

ANNOUNCEMENT: The selected scholarship recipients will be announced by **Friday, May 1, 2020**. The recipients will be notified by mail.

DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS: The Dr. Waldell G. Nichols Scholarship will disburse funds directly to the college or university.

CONTACT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

All requested items should be mailed together to:

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**The Dr. Wardell G. Nichols Scholarship
c/o Hillside High School 2017/2020 Scholarship Committee
P. O. Box 728
Heath Springs, SC 29058**

Please make sure that you:

- Print in **blue or black ink or type** all requested information on the application
- Secure recommendations from **three persons in sealed envelopes:**
 - **two from your high school, one of which must be a teacher and the other can be from a teacher, counselor, or administrator**
 - **and one from someone in the community who is not affiliated with your school**
- Complete the essay as directed;
- Return the original and **TWO** copies of your completed application packet along with the essay, recommendations, and a sealed copy of your transcript with verification of your GPA on or before **Friday, March 27, 2020.**

Name _____
FIRST MIDDLE LAST

Permanent Address

Street or PO Box

City State ZIP

(____) _____
Home Phone Number

(____) _____
Mobile Phone Number

High School attended **THIS YEAR**

College/University _____
(WHERE SCHOLARSHIP SHOULD BE SENT)

Cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale _____ (ATTACH SEALED COPY OF YOUR TRANSCRIPT)

Anticipated **YEAR** of College Graduation: 2024 2025 2026 2027 2028 2029

SIGNIFICANT SCHOOL ACTIVITIES, LEADERSHIP POSITIONS, & HONORS/RECOGNITION

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Include community, religious organization(s) and work experience

ESSAY DIRECTIONS

Write a two-page essay on the following topic. The essay must be **double-spaced** and **typed** using **12 point font** with one inch margins. The essay should be no longer than two pages – **at least 500 words**.

ESSAY PROMPT:

In your opinion, what is the greatest challenge your generation will face? What ideas do you have for addressing this issue?

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