

GEORGE BIDDLE KELLEY EDUCATION FOUNDATION

2011 Scholarship Application Suite

Program Overview:

The George Biddle Kelley Education Foundation, the not-for-profit arm of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Beta Pi Lambda Chapter, was created to provide service and advocacy for communities in the Capital District. Scholarship and love for all mankind are the pillars which support this scholarship. Launched locally in the 1950's by Beta Pi Lambda in conjunction with Alpha Phi Alpha's "Go to High School, Go to College" national initiative, the George Biddle Kelley Scholarship program aims to award and acknowledge financially disadvantaged and underserved students from the Capital District, who are committed to the values of scholarship, and improving the lives of others in the community.

Eligibility Requirements- PLEASE READ CAREFULLY:

- **George Biddle Kelley Scholarship**
 - Applicants must be a male from a traditionally underrepresented community and be a candidate for graduation from an accredited public or private high school in the Capital District.
- **Elmer L. Green Scholarship for Physical Sciences (NEW)**
 - In addition to the George Biddle Kelley Scholarship requirements, applicants must indicate an interest in pursuing studies in Physical Sciences
- **Leon C. Nelson Scholarship in Social Sciences (NEW)**
 - In addition to the George Biddle Kelley Scholarship requirements, applicants must indicate an interest in pursuing studies in Social Sciences

Application Requirements:

- Completed George Biddle Kelley Scholarship Application
- 400-500 word typed essay – Please follow the included essay guidelines
- Completed GBK Scholarship Appendix A (Elmer Green Scholarship applicants only)
- Completed GBK Scholarship Appendix B (Leon Nelson Scholarship applicants only)
- Official high school transcript in a sealed envelope
- Two (2) Letters of Recommendation
- Copy of SAR (Student Aid Report)
- Interview (for scholarship Finalists)

Selection Criteria:

The Scholarship Screening Committee will first determine that each application is complete and complies with eligibility requirements. Applications will be considered based on the following: documented financial need, applicants living and working in diverse environments, exceptional leadership skills, scholarship and a commitment to community service.

Miscellaneous Information:

The George Biddle Kelley Education Foundation reserves the right to use the name and/or photograph of scholarship award recipients in promotional materials designed to increase awareness of the Scholarship Fund, and to solicit funding or advertise fundraising events for the Scholarship Fund.

Return the completed application either by email or mail on or before **Friday, April 15, 2011** to:

George B. Kelley Education Foundation
ATTN: Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 14692
Albany, NY 12212-4164

Email submission should be submitted to gbkfoundation@gmail.com (ATTN: SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE in subject line)

Student Name _____

Please attach a current resume or list below your school activities, making note of all leadership positions, as well as awards and honors you have received. Community service includes any time donated to community, church or other organizations. If necessary, you may use additional 8 1/2" x 11" pages to complete your responses.

School Activity	Grade (9/10/11/12)	Hours per Week	Leadership Role
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Honors/Awards (Please indicate year received)

Employer	Position Held	Employment Dates
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Community Service

Organizations	Duties	Dates
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Short Answer Responses

Student Name _____

Please provide short answers to the following questions. Your application will not be considered complete without this section.

1. Describe the attributes that make you a good leader.

2. What is the greatest obstacle you've had to overcome?

3. How do you cope with peer pressure?

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Short Answer Responses

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4. What is the best lesson you have learned from your parents?

5. What does success mean to you?

6. How are you involved in the community?

7. Please add any additional information that you would like the Scholarship Screening committee to know in considering your application.

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Essay Guidelines

The 2011 George Biddle Kelley Education Foundation Scholarship essay title is “**Future Contributions to My Community and Its Development.**” The George B. Kelley Education Foundation is strongly invested in the fundamentals of community involvement and advocacy. An important criterion for selecting the scholarship recipient is your potential to contribute back to your community. To assist the selection committee, please outline how you will contribute to your community during, and after your collegiate experience. In your essay, clearly define the community you are coming from, what you consider to be its greatest needs and present your plan for providing these needs. Please use the space provided on the next page to write your essay.

The following are guidelines to assist you with developing your essay. Please follow the guidelines as written.

- The essay should be 400-500 words typed. Essays will not be returned.
- Your essay should focus on your own view of the status of your community and must describe what role you will play in its development.
- Your essay will be judged on:
 - a. **Creative content** – Did the applicant utilize a unique perspective or point of view?
 - b. **Idea Development & Focus** – Was the idea developed to its fullest extent? Was the essay coherent and rational? Did the applicant remain focused?
 - c. **Writing Style** – Includes format, spelling, punctuation, grammatical and typographical errors.
Any grammatical or spelling errors will dramatically reduce your score.

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VERIFICATION

I, the undersigned, verify that I have read the criteria for the scholarship for which I am applying and believe I am eligible. I am the author of this application and that all statements made herein are true and factual to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature Parent/Legal Guardian

Date

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APPENDIX A

ELMER L. GREEN SCHOLARSHIP FOR PHYSICAL SCIENCES

Background:

Elmer L. Green was a respected and prominent member of the Capital Region area, and a founding member and Board of Director of the George Biddle Kelley Education Foundation. Elmer practiced public health dentistry for 45 years, including working over 35 years in the NYS Health Department, where he served as Director for the Bureau of Dental Health. Elmer was born in Oklahoma in 1931, one of six children born to Mack and Idella Green. Elmer graduated from Howard University with a Bachelor of Sciences (BS) in Chemistry and a Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) degree, and later earned a Master of Public Health degree and a Dental Public Health certificate from the University of Michigan. He also served in the U.S. Army, receiving an honorable discharge after serving his country for a number of years. Elmer delighted in being a loving husband to his wife, Grace. Elmer was involved in many organizations including First Israel AME Church; 100 Black Men of Albany, NY Capital Region; the Beta Psi Boule of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, Inc.; and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., Beta Pi Lambda Chapter. He passed away on May 8, 2010 surrounded by many family and friends.

Essay Guidelines

Choose ONE of the following topics:

- A. **How do you think smart energy grids and green technology will affect the American lifestyle by 2030?**
- B. **Given the decline in studying in Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM) related areas across the country, why do you still find this area to be an attractive field of study?**
- C. **What do you hope to contribute to the sciences?**

The following are guidelines to assist you with developing your essay. Please follow the guidelines as written.

- The essay should be 400-500 words typed. Essays will not be returned.
- Please indicate which letter topic essay you have chosen
- Your essay will be judged on:
 - a. **Creative content** – Did the applicant utilize a unique perspective or point of view?
 - b. **Idea Development & Focus** – Was the idea developed to its fullest extent? Was the essay coherent and rational? Did the applicant remain focused?
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APPENDIX B

LEON C. NELSON SCHOLARSHIP FOR SOCIAL SCIENCES

Background:

Leon C. Nelson was a well-respected and prominent member of the Capital Region area who served as a founding member of the Board of Directors of the George Biddle Kelley Education Foundation. A native of Albany, Leon was the one of six children born to Leon Sr. and Lillian Nelson. Nelson graduated from Morgan State University in 1958, and obtained a Masters in Social Work from Howard University in 1965. He also obtained a Master of Psychology from Case Western Reserve in Ohio. He worked as a Clinical Psychiatric Social Worker at the Samuel Stratton VA Medical Center in Albany, NY. He was a loving husband to his wife Kay, and a devoted father to their two children, Leon III and Stephanie. Leon was involved with many other organizations including 100 Black Men of Albany, All Saints Catholic Church, Alpha Phi Alpha, Beta Pi Lambda Chapter, and AAA Hudson Valley. He passed away December 6, 2009 surrounded by friends and family.

Essay Guidelines

Choose ONE of the following topics:

- A. Given the recent Arizona shooting tragedy, do you think the 2nd amendment and mental health laws are out of date?
- B. Has social media's proliferation had a negative effect on young people?
- C. Does the election of Barack Obama as President of the United States prove that racism is over in America?

The following are guidelines to assist you with developing your essay. Please follow the guidelines as written.

- The essay should be 400-500 words typed. Essays will not be returned.
- Please indicate which letter topic essay you have chosen
- Your essay will be judged on:
 - a. **Creative content** – Did the applicant utilize a unique perspective or point of view?
 - b. **Idea Development & Focus** – Was the idea developed to its fullest extent? Was the essay coherent and rational? Did the applicant remain focused?
 - c. **Writing Style** – Includes format, spelling, punctuation, grammatical and typographical errors. **Any** grammatical or spelling errors will dramatically reduce your score.

Student Name _____

Essay

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