 APPLICATION DEADLINE: April 15, 2021

Joilynn Smith Scholarship

$**1**,500 WILL BE AWARDED to a qualifying applicant

The Joilynn Smith Scholarship Fund will award one $1,500 merit scholarship to an outstanding minority student who resides in Los Angeles county. The high school graduate who qualifies will be recognized for outstanding academic achievement, and community service.

Merit Scholarship

Eligibility and Application Requirements

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| Eligibility | * Applicant must be a high school senior and eligible to graduate in the spring of 2021.
* Applicant must have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 GPA scale.
* Applicant must be a resident of the county of Los Angeles, California.
* Applicant must be a member of an ethnic minority group.
* Applicant must have completed 10 hours of community service during the high school senior year, and prior to scholarship application deadline.
* Applicant must receive an official notice of acceptance from an accredited university or college and must enroll and attend college beginning the fall 2021 school semester. Scholarship funds will only be released to awardee upon verification of enrollment in an accredited university or college.
* Special consideration will be given to students who are active members of a church and/or have participated in extracurricular activities in sports, the arts (theatre, film, music, dance, visual arts, etc.), speech, and writing. These extracurricular activities exclude classes in these subjects.
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| * Eligible high school students must complete and submit an application and attach all of the supporting documents referenced below. The completed, signed original application and all supporting documents must be mailed together to the Joilynn Smith Scholarship Committee by ***April 15, 2021***
* The complete application must be postmarked no later than ***April 15, 2021***. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.
* Applications must be signed by the applicant and the applicant’s parent or legal guardian (if applicant is under age 18) certifying that all information provided is true and correct.
* Scholarship recipient will be notified by mail and presented with a scholarship certificate on the fourth Sunday in June, 2021 during the Greater Berean Missionary Baptist Church Annual Graduate Ceremony.
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| Supporting Documents | * An official high school transcript must be submitted and attached to the application. The transcript must verify the minimum cumulative **2.5 or higher GPA**, applicant’s class rank, and eligibility for graduation in spring 202**1**.
* Applicant must complete and submit the Community Service Verification form to certify completion of 10hrs. of community service during the senior year of high school.
* Applicant must submit a one page letter of recommendation from one of the applicant’s current teachers or a school official. The letter should at minimum detail the applicant’s background, academic and extracurricular achievements and contributions.
* Applicant must submit a one page character reference letter from a school, church, or community organization representative, which describes the applicant’s character. The character reference letter cannot be from a family member or from the same person providing the school recommendation letter~~s~~.
* Applicant must provide copies of official test scores from the ACT or SAT. These scores can also be included in the applicant’s official transcript.
* Applicant must submit a 1,000 word essay. See application for essay format and content requirements.
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Joilynn Smith Scholarship

2021-2022 Scholarship Application

Applicant’s General Information

Name: Click or tap here to enter text. Date of Birth: Click or tap here to enter text.

Mailing Address: Click or tap here to enter text.

Home Phone No.Click or tap here to enter text. Alternate Phone. Click or tap here to enter text.

E-Mail Address: Click or tap here to enter text.

Alternate E-Mail Address: Click or tap here to enter text.

Are you the first in your family to attend college/university? Click or tap here to enter text.

High School/Academic Information

High School Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Mailing Address: Click or tap here to enter text.

Office Phone No. Click or tap here to enter text. Fax Phone No. Click or tap here to enter text.

High School College Counselor: Click or tap here to enter text.

Counselor’s Telephone No. Click or tap here to enter text.

E-mail Address: Click or tap here to enter text.

Please provide the information below, to the best of your knowledge. This information will be verified using the official transcripts and test scores provided.

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|  Overall GPA |  Weighted GPA | SATOverall Score | ACTOverall Score |
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College and Universities

List all colleges and universities that you have applied for admissions during the 2021-2022 academic school year.

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| Name of University or College | Have you been accepted for admission to the college/university? (X response) |
| Yes | No | Pending notification |
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Extracurricular Activities

List all extracurricular activities and/or organizations. Include sports, arts (theater, film, music, dance, visual arts, etc.), speech, writing, and any other extracurricular activities you have been involved in during the last four years of high school. **(**Exclude activities for which you received course credit.) Describe the activity or organization. Describe your involvement. Did you hold any positions of leadership? If so, please list.

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Awards/ Recognition

List all awards and recognition received during the last four years. Include such things as placement on principal’s/dean’s list, membership in honors organizations (National Honor Society, Who’s Who in America); and sports, arts, speech, and writing awards and recognition.

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Church Activities

List all church organizations/auxiliaries that you have participated in during the last four years. State the purpose of the organization/auxiliary**.**  Indicate any leadership positions held (e.g., President, Vice President, Treasurer, Sergeant at Arms), duration or your leadership role, and a description of your responsibilities. Name of church Click or tap here to enter text.

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|  Date(s) | Description of Church Activity or Purpose of Organization | Leadership Position and Duration | Role and Responsibilities |
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Work Experience

List paid jobs you have held during the last four years (babysitting, cashier, office assistant, paper delivery, car wash, pet sitting, etc.)

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| **Total hours served at this agency** | Amount |

Community Service Verification

Special Consideration

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| Signature of Site Manager |  |

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| **Applicant’s Name** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Name of Agency** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Agency Phone Number** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Agency Address** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Name of Site Manager** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Description of tasks performed** | Click or tap here to enter text. |

Applicant and Parent/Legal Guardian Certification

I affirm to the best of my knowledge, that the information contained in this scholarship application and the attached supporting documents are true. I certify that I am currently enrolled in high school and a senior classman, in good standing. I have applied to colleges and/or universities, referenced in this application, for the fall 2021-2022 academic school year. If selected, it is my responsibility to provide the Joilynn Smith Scholarship Committee with verification of my enrollment in college. The award will be issued upon receipt of verification of enrollment and attendance at a college or university\*. I understand that if I am selected to receive an award, and I do not enroll in a college or university during the fall of the 2021-2022 academic school year, I will forfeit the award. Furthermore, if I enroll in a college or university during the fall 2021-2022 academic school year and do not attend a verified college of enrollment for the duration of the academic school year, I will forfeit future scholarship payments and may be required to return scholarship funds received.

Applicant Signature (required) Date

Parent or Guardian Signature Date

(Required if applicant is under 18 years of age)

Attach supporting documents:

□ Official High School Transcript

□ SAT Test Scores and/or □ ACT Test Scores *(Special Consideration)*

□ Community Service Verification Form *(Special Consideration)*

□ Letter of Recommendation – High School

□ Letter of Recommendation – Character Reference

□ Applicant’s Essay

**Content**: *“The year 2020 was unlike any other year. From the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, worldwide protest, to a contentious election cycle and more, the world as we knew it drastically changed. In your own words, what lesson or lessons did you learn over the course of the past year?”*

**Format**: 1,000 words, typewritten on white bond paper, double-spaced, 12 point font

Mail or Email the completed application and supporting documents postmarked no later than

April 15, 2021 to:

Joilynn Smith Scholarship Committee

 P.O. Box 2072

 Gardena, CA 90247

Telephone Number: (323) 757-3048 Email: Joissf10@gmail.com

\*Scholarship will be disbursed to recipient in two installments, during the fall and spring of the academic school year. Scholarship funds will only be released to awardee upon verification of enrollment in an accredited university or college. The award is based on receipt of a viable and responsive application, therefore the Board of the Joilynn Smith Scholarship Fund does not guarantee that a scholarship will be awarded