

IMPORTANT SCHOLARSHIP / AWARD INFORMATION

The *Key Opportunity Foundation Book Scholarship* was established to provide educational opportunities to dedicated African American students who are continuing their education. The Foundation's goal is to help deserving students within Ouachita County achieve their long term educational goals. Key Opportunity's number one priority is to award academic excellence and increase the number of students attaining higher education by providing financial assistance to overcome extenuating circumstances.

Eligibility:

- Applicants must be of African American ethnicity, currently enrolled as a high school senior, attend a high school in Arkansas, and planning to enroll in a higher education program for the fall 2019 semester. Applicants must have received their high school diploma by that time. Eligible higher education programs include two- or four-year colleges or universities; community colleges; technical, vocational, or business schools; or any other type of higher education licensed by the state of Arkansas or any other state or federal entity. Applicants must have a minimum or 2.8 grade point average or higher. *We encourage all high school seniors who meet the criteria to apply.*
- Notification of Awards will be made spring of 2019 and awarded in the fall of 2019 once verification of enrollment has been received. One \$1000 book scholarship and one \$750 book scholarship will be awarded to two deserving high school students. One \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a high school student attending a Historically Black College and University (HBCU). Scholarship winners will be announced during the Spring Awards Assembly on Friday, May 3, 2019.

Application Process:

1. Complete and submit the attached form to the address listed above. Applications must be postmarked by *Friday, April 12, 2019*.
2. High School Seniors must submit two (2) letters of recommendation from a high school administrator, school counselor, teacher, pastor or church youth director/minister with application. Submit unofficial transcript and copy of ACT/SAT score. Community Service point of contact information is required, name and phone number to validate.
3. Submit a typed, double-spaced 500 word essay in Times New Roman 12-point font on the topic below. Corresponding topic for essay content is provided below. Essays will be scored on content, clarity, relevance and grammar.

Essay Topic: Select one (1) social issue facing our youth today from the list below, what are: 1) the barriers to solving the social issue and; what are: 2) the possibilities for solving the social issue?

Social Issues List (select only one to write 500 word essay):

1) Education Disparity, 2) Drug/Alcohol Abuse, 3) Violence in Schools, 4) Materialism; 5) Poverty.

If you have any further questions, contact Krystle F. Browning at 501-539-3443 or keyopportunitiescholarship@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

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