



Scholarship

**The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically.
Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education.**

~ Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Celebration Scholarship is an opportunity to provide academic financial support to current high school seniors that are Spartanburg County residents. Two \$1,000.00 scholarships will be provided to the recipients of the scholarships to be applied to the higher learning institute they select.

How to Apply

- Step 1: Go to www.cityofspartanburg.org/mlk-unity-week and select the MLK Unity Week Scholarship.
 - Step 2: Complete the application form.
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- All applicants must be enrolled in Spartanburg county. (Includes private schools & home schools)
 - All applicants must be citizens or permanent residents of the United States or Puerto Rico.
 - Student must possess a minimum high school 2.5 GPA. Participation and leadership in school activities and extracurricular activity is desired.
- Students will need to provide a 500-word essay on provided topic. "I Am" essay in which you focus on an aspect of your personality, your cultural heritage, your values, or any aspect of your identity to communicate with others about yourself. Have you ever been stereotyped because you play a musical instrument or a sport? Have you ever been discriminated against because of your gender, race, sexual orientation, or physical abilities? Who are you? Write this essay to help communicate who you are and your unique role in your community.**
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- ALL awards will be made without regard to race, creed, color, religion, national origin, sexual orientation or sexual identification.

Notification:

- Scholarship recipient(s) will be notified in January, 2019 and are required to attend the City of Spartanburg's 32nd Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Week Celebration on Monday, January 21 at the Spartanburg Memorial Auditorium to be publically recognized. Recipient(s) may also be invited to additional 2019 City of Spartanburg MLK UNITY WEEK events.
- Scholarship recipient(s) must notify the City of Spartanburg regarding their application or acceptance as a full-time student at an accredited post-secondary educational institution, college or university.
- Award payment will be made as soon as the (1) recipient has signed and returned the Unity Week Scholarship Terms of Agreement to the City of Spartanburg, (2) the recipient has notified the City of Spartanburg of the eligible accredited post-secondary educational institution, college or university which he/she plans to enroll, (3) the accredited post-secondary educational institution, college or university has verified recipient's enrollment and (4) the accredited post-secondary educational institution, college or university has verified that it will not reduce previously awarded grant/scholarship aid as a result of this award, unless required by federal or state law.
- Scholarship(s) award payment will be made directly to the Financial Aid Office, or its equivalent, of the accredited post-secondary educational institution, college or university in the name the educational institution.
- Payment is limited to recipient's tuition and fees, books and supplies, and room and board expense.

If you have questions or need additional information,
contact Kathy Hill, Community Relations Coordinator at khill@cityofspartanburg.org or
864-596-2905.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2019

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1	<table style="width: 100%; border: none;"><tr><td style="width: 50%; border: none; padding: 5px;">Last Name:</td><td style="width: 50%; border: none; padding: 5px;">First Name:</td></tr></table>	Last Name:	First Name:
Last Name:	First Name:		
2	<p>Mailing Address</p> <p>Street: _____</p> <p>City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____</p>		
3	<p>Daytime Telephone Number: _____</p> <p>Email Address: _____</p>		
4	<p>Date of Birth: Month Day Year Gender:</p>		
5	<p>Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA): _____ (On a 4.0 scale)</p> <p>Attach proof of GPA. Your most recent school transcript is required.</p>		
6	<p>Name and location of High School attending:</p>		
7	<p>Please attach information requested.</p> <p>A. List any academic honors, awards and membership activities while in high school:</p> <p>B. List your hobbies, outside interests, extracurricular activities and school related volunteer activities:</p> <p>C. List your non-school sponsored volunteer activities in the community:</p>		

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT BY GUIDANCE COUNSELOR

I hereby affirm that this application meets the criteria set forth by this scholarship program and that I support this application.

Name of Guidance Counselor submitting the application:

High School:

Contact information (email and phone):

Signature of Guidance Counselor: _____

Date: _____

Checklist

___ Application

___ Essay

___ Resume/Activity Sheet

___ Guidance Counselor signature

___ School Transcript

MAIL COMPLETE APPLICATION:

City of Spartanburg – Community Services Department

c/o Kathy Hill

P.O. Box 1749

Spartanburg SC 29304

The deadline for this application to be received by the City of Spartanburg is December 21, 2018 at 5:00pm.