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Annual Conference

May 29 - 30, 2025

Arcadia University
450 South Easton Road
Glenside, PA 19038

A Scholarship Note From

Dr. Chuck Baker, Chairperson
PBCOHE, Inc. Scholarship Committee

The Pennsylvania Black Conference on Higher Education, Inc. will award seven (7) \$1,000 scholarships to talented undergraduate and graduate underrepresented students in the Commonwealth. We invite you to share the enclosed application with your students. **All completed applications are to be submitted to the address on the application on or before Friday, April 18, 2025. Only applications that are complete will be accepted and electronic applications are preferred. Therefore, the committee recommends that you email all applicant material together in one email. If you desire to send the application via United States Postal Service mail, you may email me follow-up to inquire if I received your packet of information. The committee does not examine material for completeness prior to scoring for scholarship awards and the committee does not email students who have missing documents in their packet. The student is responsible for submitting the entire packet of material in one packet to the email address (or mailing address) for Dr. Baker below. Electronic transcripts should be sent directly from the Registrar at the applicant's institution to cbaker2@dccc.edu. Mailed transcripts should be received sealed at the physical address below.**

If any of the prospective applicants have questions, they are encouraged to contact me at their earliest convenience at cbaker2@dccc.edu. Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

*Freshmen students (less than 30 completed college credits) are **NOT** eligible.

The scholarships will be awarded at the Annual Conference Scholarship Luncheon which will be held at 12:30 noon on May 30, 2025.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS MUST BE IN ATTENDANCE DURING THE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS LUNCHEON WHICH WILL BE HELD ON *May 30, 2025*, TO RECEIVE THEIR SCHOLARSHIP AWARD.

The Financial need of the applicants will be considered.

The scholarships and their respective criteria are herein listed:

The K. Leroy Irvis Undergraduate Scholarship (3)

ONE of these \$1000 scholarships will be awarded in each of the regions (Eastern, Central & Western) in Pennsylvania to undergraduate students who meet these criteria.

- Outstanding Scholarship.
- Extracurricular activity participation.
- Leadership qualities.
- Interpersonal qualities as alluded to by the student's references.
- Essay in no more than **five typewritten, double-spaced pages** on “**Why I Should Receive a K. Leroy Irvis Scholarship.**”
- 3.0 or above grade point average.
- **Brief bio sketch and photograph (Photo for program booklet).**

The W. Terrell Jones Educational Equity Scholarship (1)

ALL of the criteria listed under the K. Leroy Irvis Scholarship category and:

- Evidence of work and/or volunteer service in the area of educational equity.
- Essay in no more than five typewritten, double-spaced pages on “**Why I should Receive the W. Terrell Jones Educational Equity Scholarship.**”

The Robert D. Lynch SLDI Scholarship (1)

ALL of the criteria listed under the K. Leroy Irvis Scholarship category and:

- Participation in the SLDI conference.
- Essay in no more than five typewritten, double-spaced pages on “**Why I should Receive the Robert D. Lynch SLDI Scholarship.**”

The Esther-Jafari Haymon Scholarship (1)

The successful recipient of this scholarship must meet the following criteria:

- Valid registration at a college or university in Pennsylvania with a financial need.
- Grade Point Average 2.0 and above.
- Be at least in sophomore year of matriculation.
- Student must demonstrate leadership skills and participation in co-curricular activities.
- Three letters of recommendation are required. One of the three letters of recommendation **MUST** come from your Financial Aid Office stipulating your need.
- Essay in no more than five typewritten, double-spaced pages on “**Why I Should Receive the Esther Jafari Haymon Scholarship.**”

The John S. Shropshire Graduate Scholarship (1)

ALL of the criteria listed under the K. Leroy Irvis Scholarship category and:

- Earned six graduate credits/hours of study (minimum)
- Essay in no more than five typewritten, double-spaced pages on “**Why I Should Receive the John S. Shropshire Graduate Scholarship.**”

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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Page 1 and 2 of the Scholarship Application MUST be included in the application package

Please place a check beside the scholarship for which you are applying.

_____ The K. Leroy Irvis PBCOHE Scholarship

_____ Western Region (1)

_____ Central Region (1)

_____ Eastern Region (1)

_____ The John S. Shropshire Graduate Scholarship (1)

_____ The Robert D. Lynch SLDI Scholarship

_____ The W. Terrell Jones Educational Equity Scholarship (1)

_____ The Esther-Jafari Haymon Scholarship (1)

This application should be accompanied by (application will be considered incomplete without the following):

_____ **Page 1 and 2 of the Scholarship Application**

_____ **ESSAY** not to exceed **five typewritten, double-spaced pages** on **“Why I Should Receive a (name of scholarship) PBCOHE Scholarship Award.”**

_____ **OFFICIAL** college transcript (mailed in sealed envelope from your school Registrar or through electronic transmission from your school Registrar).

_____ **THREE** letters of recommendation. One letter **must** come from a college professor, but may also come from a counselor and/or any professional person who will discuss the candidate in relation to the following criteria: 1) Scholarship; 2) Interpersonal Skills; 3) Leadership; 4) Writing, speaking, computational skills; and 5) Any other observations about the candidate which may assist the Scholarship Committee in their evaluation of the candidate.

_____ A brief bio sketch and photograph (for the scholarship publication).

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NO APPLICATION WILL BE CONSIDERED COMPLETE UNLESS APPLICATION COVER PAGES, AN OFFICIAL UPDATED TRANSCRIPT, ESSAY, AND THREE LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION ARE RECEIVED

PBCOHE Scholarship Application

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Personal Background Information:

Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Home Address: _____
Number and Street

City State Zip Code

Home Phone: (____) _____ Cell Phone: (____) _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Male ____ Female ____ U.S. Citizen ____ Yes ____ No

Full Name of Institution you are currently attending: _____

Your Address at school if different from above:

Box #, Dorm

City State Zip Code

Institution's PBCOHE Region in Pennsylvania: ____ Eastern ____ Central ____ Western

Please check present academic classification:

____ Sophomore ____ Junior ____ Senior ____ Graduate Grade Point Ave _____

County of Institution: _____

Major Course of Study: _____

Minor: _____

Contact Telephone: (____) _____ - _____

Please Return To:

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Applications MUST be submitted on or before April 18, 2025