



2025 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Thank you for your interest in applying for the Buffalo Urban League Scholarship. We congratulate you on your decision to continue your education by attending college or vocational school! Our goal is to invest financial resources to help support your education. Scholarship awards are provided in consideration of academic achievement, character, community services, and financial need.

ELIGIBILITY:

To be eligible for the Buffalo Urban League scholarship consideration, you must be a **High School Senior who will be graduating during the 2024-2025 academic year or recent HSE/GED recipient (within the current academic year) and plans to attend college or a vocational school in the fall of 2025.**

NATIONAL FUEL SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY:

National Fuel awards one substantial scholarship per year for a total of four years to a college-bound senior. If you are interested in applying for the National Fuel Scholarship, please see page 4 of this application for eligibility and candidate requirements. Please know that applying for the Buffalo Urban League Scholarship **DOES NOT** automatically qualify you for the National Fuel Scholarship.

*Please complete this application in its entirety. Incomplete applications will not be considered. **All the information collected is strictly confidential and will be used exclusively in making scholarship award decisions.** All applicants will be scheduled for an interview as part of the application process.*

DUE DATE: Friday, January 17, 2025

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____ Student ID: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ County: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Phone Number: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Alternate Number: _____
E-Mail Address: _____
Numbers of years in Erie County: _____ U.S. Citizen: YES NO

VOLUNTARY DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION: *We request the following information on a voluntary basis. There will be no negative consequences to you if you choose not to provide this information.*

Gender (Please circle one): Male Female Non-Binary Choose not to respond

Ethnicity (Please circle your response): Are you Hispanic or Latino? YES NO

Race (Please check only one):

- American Indian or Alaskan Native** (A person with origins in any of the original peoples of North America & South America (including Central America) who maintains tribal affiliation or community recognition)
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander** (A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands)
- Black or African American** (A person having origins in any of the Black racial groups of Africa)
- Asian** (A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent)
- White** (A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, North Africa, or the Middle East)
- More than one race** (All persons who identify with more than one of the above five races)

Place of Birth: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Name: _____ Relationship: _____
Phone Number: _____ E-mail Address: _____

HIGH SCHOOL/HSE INFORMATION – Please attach a copy of your high school transcript and one report card showing at least 2 marking periods of your senior year. If you received your high school equivalency, please attach a copy of your HSE certificate.

High School: _____ Graduation Date: _____
HSE Program: _____ Date Received: _____

COLLEGE INFORMATION

Please list any colleges or vocational schools you have been accepted to. Please attach acceptance letters.

- 1. _____ 2. _____
- 3. _____ 4. _____

Anticipated Major: _____ Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

Student Status (select one): Full Time Student Part Time Student

Student Aid Index (as listed on Student Aid Report from FAFSA): _____
(Please include a copy of your Student Aid Report)

What are your future career goals?

List any awards, honors, or commendations you have received.

ESSAY – This essay should be **between 300-500 words long, typed, double spaced, and in 12 pt. font.** Any applications without the essay attached will not be considered for a scholarship. **This essay MUST reflect the topic outlined below.** Please do not send an essay unless it addresses this topic.

TOPIC: *What is the most significant challenge facing your generation, and what solutions would you propose to address it?*

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

(These items must be postmarked by the due date. Any applications postmarked after the due date will not be accepted):

- Completed application – all areas of the application must be completed. A resume is not a substitute for a completed application but may be enclosed as a supplemental/supporting document.
- College acceptance letter(s)
- Student Aid Report (SAR) from FAFSA – MUST show Student Aid Index (SAI) number. Your name must appear on the report.
- Financial award letters/offers received from any colleges you have been accepted to
- An official copy of your High School Transcripts or copy of your GED.
- A copy of your report card showing two marking periods for your senior year
- 2 Letters of recommendation – these must be original recommendations for the Buffalo Urban League Scholarship Program
- Essay (300-500 words, typed, double spaced answering this question: **What is the most significant challenge facing your generation, and what solutions would you propose to address it?**)
- Applicant Signature
- Parent or Guardian Signature (if under the age of 18)
- A photo of yourself following these guidelines (photo **MUST** be emailed to scholarships@bulny.org):
 - Picture is of you alone.
 - Picture must be clear (please do not take a picture of the picture you want to use)
 - Appropriately dressed (yearbook pictures or senior portraits work best)
 - No selfies with your phone showing in the picture.
 - No dark lighting or inappropriate backgrounds (i.e., the bathroom)
 - No filters, graphics, or words on the picture (that includes watermarks)

Due Date: January 17, 2025

Applications can be submitted to:

**Buffalo Urban League
15 Genesee Street
Buffalo, NY 14203
ATTN: Scholarship Committee**

Applications can also be submitted to scholarships@bulny.org in PDF format ONLY. **(Please do not send pictures of documents)**

Both the applicant's signature and the parent/guardian's signature are required. Any applications without signatures will be considered incomplete and will not be processed.

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

If you have any questions regarding this application, or the status of your application, please contact the Scholarship Department at (716) 250-2412 or at scholarships@bulny.org.

For more information on other programs and services we offer, please visit www.bulny.org.

NATIONAL FUEL SCHOLARSHIP

As part of National Fuel Gas Company Foundation's commitment to recruiting high-quality candidates from across Western New York, who are interested in working within the energy sector, National Fuel will award a four-year scholarship of \$15,000 per year.

As one of the earliest natural gas companies in the U.S. incorporated in 1902, today National Fuel is a diversified energy organization headquartered in Western New York that operates an integrated collection of gas and oil assets. For 120 years, National Fuel has provided a safe, reliable, and affordable source of energy, while contributing to the economic health of the communities where we live and work. Since 2005, after the formation of the National Fuel Gas Company Foundation, the company and its employees have donated more than \$22 million to charitable organizations. National Fuel's partnership with the Buffalo Urban League helps to support its mission of empowering African Americans, other minorities, and disadvantaged individuals to secure economic self-reliance, parity, power, and civil rights. Scholarship recipients will participate in several events at National Fuel's corporate office, including luncheons, tours, shadowing opportunities, and informational sessions. Scholars will be assigned a mentor and are required to reach out twice during the semester to their mentor. In addition to the mentoring program, there will be opportunities for paid internships each year. Scholars will be required to provide a copy of their transcript at the end of each school year.

ELIGIBILITY

To apply for this scholarship, you must be a college-bound senior with good academic standing. You must enroll in college with a major in Construction Management, Information Technology (programming, cyber security, software engineer, etc.), Business Administration and/or Mechanical Engineering.

PERSONAL STATEMENT

If you are interested in having your application forwarded to National Fuel, please provide a separate personal statement. In your personal statement, please explain why you are interested in a Construction Management, Information Technology (programming, cyber security, software engineer, etc.), Business Administration and/or Mechanical Engineering-related career, and describe how your experiences and accomplishments will help you succeed in that career

ESSAY QUESTION

What role has National Fuel played in the Buffalo community? (Minimum of 250 words)

"If you smell gas, leave fast! Then contact National Fuel at 1-800-444-3130 or call 911 from a different location.

Please note that applying for the Buffalo Urban League Scholarship does NOT automatically qualify a student for the National Fuel Scholarship. You must submit the additional documents listed above as requested by National Fuel to be considered.