



The Nellie B. King Academic Scholarship

Gwinnett Peals of Service is offering a scholarship to African American high school seniors to further their educational opportunities. It is the organization's goal to aggressively promote post-secondary education endeavors. The scholarship will be awarded to a student who meets the scholarship qualifications.

ABOUT NELLIE B. KING...

Nellie B. King was raised in a rural area of Mississippi called Foxworth, near Columbia. Her professional career of more than 35 years has centered on education, serving school communities as a teacher, elementary school principal, a principal of secondary curriculum and instruction and as the first African American Superintendent of the Lackawanna City School District.

Mrs. King earned a bachelor's degree in Social Studies from Alcorn Agricultural and Mechanical College in Lorman, Mississippi, a Master of Science degree in Education from Canisius College in Buffalo. She has a certificate of Advanced Study in Education Administration from the University of Buffalo and is certified by Buffalo State University College in Social Studies, school administration and supervision.

During a decade as Superintendent of the Lackawanna City School District, Mrs. King developed and initiated the Kids in Spotlight Program, Lackawanna Center for Family Achievement, and the District Model Aids Program. During the 1998-99 academic year, she researched selected school districts strong arts education and humanities programs across the country for the President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities, which resulted in a published report, "Gaining the Arts Advantage".

On November 19, 1999, Mrs. King was one of the national participants selected by the office of the Secretary of Agriculture to partake in a roundtable discussion with Shirley R. Watkins, Undersecretary for Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services. Under Mrs. King's leadership, the Lackawanna School District initiated new opportunities for student success such as early grade reduced class size, a 21st Century Community Learning Centers grant, extended day/school violence prevention, and the Gear Up program.

In the community, Mrs. King has provided civic and religious services throughout the nation. Focusing on youth and adult leadership, she holds mentorship in the highest regard, making it a priority to empower others to take on leadership roles. Since launching her girls mentoring program in 2008, Unlimited Possibilities Overcoming Poverty Ministry, Inc. she has helped 75 young women pursue their college aspirations with scholarships totaling \$75,000.00. She is also the recipient of many other awards, citations and other honors. She believes in "doing what she can to serve mankind and do the work of the Lord".

QUALIFICATIONS

- Must be an Erie County Public School senior
- Of African American descent (female or male)
- Must already be accepted to an accredited four-year college or university (or acceptance forthcoming)
- Must possess leadership potential and discernible good character
- Must demonstrate superior scholastic achievement (minimum 3.5 GPA)

SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION

To be considered for the Nellie B. King Academic Scholarship, applicants must submit the following by April 30, 2021:

1. A completed application. It is imperative that the application be completed in full.
2. A one page double spaced (typed) personal statement summarizing why the applicant should be awarded the Nellie B. King Academic Scholarship and how the scholarship will help her/him pursue her/his career ambition. Be sure to include community service activities in the statement.
3. A sealed copy of the applicant's transcript. The transcript MUST be sealed by your school.
4. Two sealed letters of recommendation from any combination of teachers, counselors, employers, school administrators or ministers.
5. Proof of acceptance into an accredited four-year college or university.

SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION PROCESS

- Completed applications that meet the above criteria MUST be postmarked by April 30, 2021.
- Applicants will be notified by the scholarship committee if they are selected for an interview. If not selected, you will be notified.
- **Selected students will be interviewed the week of May 17, 2021.**
- Student selected to receive scholarship will be notified.
- Students not selected will be notified by mail after the final interviews.

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APPLICATION

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Mobile number _____ Email _____

High School Name _____

High School Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

High School Cumulative Grade Point Average _____ Expected Date of Graduation _____

Name of College/University you plan to attend in Fall of 2021 _____

Intended Major _____ Career/Professional Goal _____

High School Activities/Honors _____

Community Activities/Honors _____

Parent (s) /Guardian (s) Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

REMEMBER: Type a one page, double-spaced personal statement in which you express why the Nellie B. King Academic Scholarship should be awarded to you and how it would help you pursue your career ambitions. Be sure to include your community service activities in the statement.

ALL MATERIALS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY APRIL 30, 2021

Mail application and ALL supporting material in one large envelope to the address below:

**Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
Gamma Phi Omega Chapter
ATTN: Scholarship Committee
PO Box 3231
Buffalo, New York 14240**

My signature below certifies that I have read and understand all of conditions and requirements of an applicant for the Nellie B. King Academic Scholarship as described and that I meet all requirements.

Signature _____ Date _____