

BLAC Student Scholarship Award Descriptions 2015

The members of the Black Leadership Advancement Coalition (B.L.A.C.) would like to honor and commend students for their dedication and commitment to the African-American community and their academic success while attending the University of California, Irvine. The B.L.A.C. would like to invite all interested and eligible undergraduate and graduate student to apply for various scholarship opportunities. Please be encouraged to apply for as many scholarships as you are eligible for. Winners will be announced at the 13th annual "Night of the Stars..." Dinner & Awards Ceremony on FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2015. To qualify for an award, you must fulfill all of the requirements stated underneath each specific scholarship description. Please be advised that you will need to complete and provide each item for each scholarship separately.

DEADLINE FOR ALL SCHOLARSHIPS: Friday, April 3, 2015 at 5pm

Black Faculty and Staff Association Student of Service Award (\$1000)

- Qualifications: Full-time undergraduate or graduate student who demonstrates leadership through their service to the African American community at UC Irvine. Student must hold a leadership position in which they have been of service to the community at UC Irvine and/or neighboring communities as well.
- Minimum GPA: 2.5
- Completed Application (online or hardcopy)
- Essay (included in application)
- Letter of Recommendation from current UCI Faculty or Staff member
- Unofficial Transcript

Christ Our Redeemer (C.O.R.) Financial Assistance Award (\$1000)

- Qualifications: Full-time undergraduate or graduate student who demonstrates the need for financial assistance in order to attend the University of California, Irvine. Student must show potential in their academic pursuits and demonstrate a need for financial assistance. Student must demonstrate involvement in extracurricular activities in the African American community. This award is sponsored by Christ Our Redeemer AME Church.
- Minimum GPA: 2.5
- Completed Application (online or hardcopy)
- Essay (included in application)
- Letter of Recommendation from current UCI Faculty or Staff member
- Unofficial Transcript

CAMP Statewide Award (\$500 (2))

- Qualifications: The recipient of this award must be a full-time undergraduate student in his or her sophomore or junior year in the areas of biological sciences, physical science, computer science, engineering or mathematics. Students who have presented nationally and are involved in faculty mentored research will be given priority consideration.

- Minimum GPA: 3.0
- Completed Application (online or hardcopy)
- Essay (included in application)
- Letter of Recommendation from STEM faculty member
- Unofficial Transcript

Graduating Senior Award (\$1000)

- Qualifications: Full-time undergraduate student graduating in June 2015 who has served as an example of academic excellence to underclass students and have had a strong impact on the African American community at UC Irvine. Student shows great promise in giving back to the community in the future. Students who have been accepted into an accredited graduate or post baccalaureate program beginning the Fall 2015 will be given priority consideration.
- Minimum GPA: 3.0
- Completed Application (online or hardcopy)
- Essay (included in application)
- Letter of Recommendation from current UCI Faculty or Staff member
- Unofficial Transcript

Outstanding Freshman/New Transfer Award (\$1000)

- Qualifications: Full-time undergraduate freshmen or new transfer student. Student demonstrates exceptional character through involvement in leadership roles and activities in the African American community and clearly shows the potential to serve as a mentor and leader for years to come at the University of California, Irvine.
- Minimum GPA: 3.0
- Completed Application (online or hardcopy)
- Essay (included in application)
- Letter of Recommendation from current UCI Faculty or Staff member
- Unofficial Transcript

Juanita Watts MD Scientific Achievement Award (\$1000)

- Qualifications: This award was established to promote and encourage undergraduate African American students to successfully pursue the study and application of science, as well as to promote expansion of diversity in science through leadership, research, and community involvement. The recipient of this award must be a full-time undergraduate student in his or her sophomore, junior or senior year of study, in good academic standing. Scientific areas of study include biological sciences, physical sciences, mathematics, engineering, computer science, psychology, public health, and neuroscience.
- Minimum GPA: 3.5
- Completed Application (online or hardcopy)
- Essay (included in application)

- Additional Essay:
 - Why should you receive this scholarship? (Include any research experience or interest, leadership, and community involvement you have had as an undergraduate)
 - What are your professional goals of interest?
 - How will achieving you professional goals impact the community?
 - Please share any other information you would like the committee to know.
 - Maximum 500 words
- Letter of Recommendation from current UCI Faculty or Staff member
- Unofficial Transcript

Wawanesa General Insurance Company Academic Excellence Award

- Qualifications: Full-time undergraduate or graduate student who has demonstrated academic excellence and shows promise of continued academic excellence while attending the University of California, Irvine. Demonstrates the potential to exceed in their academic curriculum and is a role model in the African American community.
- Minimum GPA: 3.6
- Completed Application (online or hardcopy)
- Essay (included in application)
- Letter of Recommendation from current UCI Faculty or Staff member
- Unofficial Transcript

Applications will be available to complete and submit beginning Monday January 5, 2015. The deadline to apply for the scholarships is Friday, April 3, 2015 at 5pm.

Submit letter of recommendation, transcript and hardcopy application (if applicable) to:

Tamara (Tammy) Austin:
Student Life & Leadership Office (3rd floor in the Student Center above Zot N'Go)
G308 UCI Student Center,
Irvine, CA 92697

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please email:

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