

Devante Waites Achiever

2016-2017 Scholarship Program

What does it take to become a Devante Waites Achiever?

They are ethnically and economically diverse, but they share these qualities:

- Ambition and drive
- Determination to set and reach goals
- Respect for self, family and community
- Ability to succeed in college

Who is eligible?

Student applicants must:

- Demonstrate academic promise and financial need.
- Be a local resident of the Fairmont WV or surrounding.
- Be current high school senior who plan to enroll full-time in at a fully accredited post-secondary institution for the entire 2016-2017 academic year.
- Demonstrate ambition and self-drive as evidenced by outstanding achievement in school, community or work-related activities.

Demonstrate a love, passion and concern for the community through volunteerism, engagement and other activities* Scholarship funds will be paid ***in August 2016 directly to the college*** and not to the student. It will be the student's responsibility to submit the application to the Foundation.

* Applicants should provide an endorsement of their Guidance Counselor, letters of reference, evidence of community service and high school transcript to accompany their application.

Application deadline is **August 5, 2016** by 4:00 p.m. to be received by the Foundation. Late applications are not accepted.

Email the completed typed application and supporting documents in PDF File Format to:
devantewaitesfoundation@gmail.com

Or via US Mail to:
Devante Waites Foundation
PO Box 718
Fairmont, WV 26555

The applications will be reviewed and recipients selected by a committee consisting of volunteers from Devante Waites Foundation Board. The scholarships will be awarded on August 12, 2016. The student or a family representative must be present to receive the award.

Applications may be downloaded from the Devante Waites Foundation website at
<http://www.devantewaitesfoundation.org/>

Please submit any questions to: <mailto:devantewaitesfoundation@gmail.com>

Scholarship Application 2016

Please **type** your answers.

1.	Last Name:	First Name:
2.	Mailing Address Street: City: State: Zip:	
3.	Daytime Telephone Number: () Email Address:	
4.	Date of Birth: Month Day Year Gender:	
5.	Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA): _____ (On a 4.0 scale) Attach proof of GPA. Your most recent school transcript is required.	
6.	Are you the first person in your family to go to college: YES ____ NO ____	
7.	Name and location of High School attending:	

8.	<p>(If your resume or activities sheet answers question 8, please attach and skip to Question 9.)</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>
9.	<p>A. If you have decided on what college you will attend, please list school name:</p> <p>B. If not, list your top 3 college choices:</p>
0.	<p>List Family Gross Annual Income from your 2015 Income Tax Form 1040 Line #22: \$</p> <p><i>(If selected, recipients may be asked to verify annual household income is under \$75,000 by supplying pg. 1 of their 2012 IRS Income Tax Form)</i></p>
11.	<p>Name & address of parent(s) or legal guardian(s):</p> <p>(Include address if different than your own listed in Question 2.)</p> <p>Name(s) :</p> <p>Street:</p> <p>City: State: Zip:</p> <p>Home phone of parents or legal guardians: Work phone:</p>

12. On a separate sheet please write an essay (500-1,000 words) answering the questions below:
Describe the importance of your community to you, how volunteer or community service has shaped who you are today and what community service has taught you. Also, discuss in your essay about any challenges or obstacles you have dealt with and overcome in life and how this will help you succeed in college and beyond. Finally include in your essay, how you obtaining your degree or certification will assist the community.

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY FOR STUDENTS

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that if chosen as a scholarship winner my picture may be taken and used to promote the Devante Waites Foundation. (Winner may waive photo due to unusual or compelling circumstances.)

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, according to Devante Waites Foundation policy, I must be present at any potential awards ceremony, surprise, or reception in August 2016 to receive my scholarship award.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, according to the Devante Waites Foundation policy, it is my responsibility to remit to the Foundation the appropriate information for my scholarship to be paid directly to my educational institution.

I hereby understand I will not submit this application without all required attachments and supporting information. Incomplete applications or applications that do not meet eligibility criteria will not be considered for this scholarship.

Signature of scholarship applicant: _____

Date: _____

Checklist

- Application
- Essay
- Letter of References (Optional)
- Guidance Counselor Reference (Optional)
- High School Transcript

MAIL COMPLETE APPLICATION PACKAGE TO THE FOUNDATION AT:

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OR EMAIL IN PDF FILE FORMAT TO:

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REMINDER:

The deadline for this application to be received by the Foundation's Office is:

August 5, 2016, 4:00 p.m. NO EXCEPTIONS!