



Partners for a Better Community

Dear Guidance Counselor,

It is time for the 2017 George Sink Valor Award! *The George Sink Valor Award* stands for students who have overcome adversities, struggles, tribulations and still maintained good grades (3.0 GPA or better) and continued to excel in their community & school despite those obstacles. Mr. Sink, who is a self-made business owner in the tri-county area, has overcome many obstacles to get to where he is and he is now owner of one of the Leading Law Firms in the Charleston area! We, the Partners for a Better Community, are honored to present, *The George Sink Valor Award* that exemplifies strength and courage of those who have achieved excellence through it all. **It will be offered to the graduating class of 2018 (current Juniors /11th graders in 2017) who are in good academic standing, having maintained a minimum of a 3.0 GPA.** Some examples of what we are looking for is a student who has overcome homelessness, tragedy, faced extreme poverty, taking care of a sick family member, or have a particular disease or handicap.

The requirements for the *2017 George Sink Valor Award* is as follows:

- Minimum GPA of 3.0
- One-page essay explaining struggles and adversities and how they continued to excel academically
- Community service & School-related activities
- Complete George Sink Valor Award
- Live in Tri-county area; Charleston, Dorchester & Berkeley

The Partners for a Better Community is asking for your help in selecting students to receive the *2017 George Sink Valor Award*. The George Sink Valor recipient will be presented with the Emma Wilder Johnson Scholarship awardees. Awardees will be honored at the *Emma W. Johnson Scholarship Black Tie and Silent Auction Gala in October of 2017*. The objective of this fundraiser event is to raise funds to award scholarships to rising seniors in the Tri-County Area, who will be attending college in the fall of 2018 as well as promote opportunities for students looking to further their education.

Please complete George Sink Valor Award and return by **Saturday, April 15, 2017**.

Sincerely,

Tauheedah J. Salido

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Partners for a Better Community Liaison

GEORGE SINK VALOR AWARD APPLICATION

Scholarship Criteria and Information

1. George Sink Valor Award recipients will be selected annually by the Partners for a Better Community scholarship committee, after review of application material. Academic standing, commitment to related activities, community service and other specified criteria will be considered. Parameters for selection include commitment to careers in educational professions, community service, character, campus citizenship, campus involvement, volunteer activities, and financial need.
2. Awards are made to entering college freshmen for fall or spring semesters. Applicants enrolled full-time in baccalaureate programs in the next fall term are the primary candidates for the awards. Consideration will be given to applicants with outstanding credentials that are enrolled full-time in a four-year degree program leading to a Bachelor's degree. Scholarships will be awarded only for undergraduate study.
3. Students must submit an application and all required information by the deadline. Recipients will be notified by phone call or letter.
4. **Completed application form with all supporting documentation must be postmarked by Saturday, April 15, 2017.** Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.
5. The award is intended to be used during the traditional collegiate academic year (fall through spring), and for academic purposes such as tuition, fees, room, board, and/or books.
6. The Partners for a Better Community Scholarship Board of Directors reserves the right to determine if an award will be given.
7. Funds are payable to educational institution(s). Exceptions to this policy can be made by decision of the Directors based upon individual circumstances.
8. Relatives of the current Partners for a Better Community Scholarship Board of Directors are eligible upon approval by The Partners for a Better Community board of trustees.
9. Award recipient selection(s) will be made without regard to race, age, gender, religion, political beliefs, employment status, or any other factor, which could constitute unfair or illegal discrimination.
10. Student must be a U.S. citizen and must attend college in the U.S. during the duration of the scholarship year.
11. Student must be in good standing, have a minimum of a 3.0 cumulative overall grade point average at his/her high school and be a full time student.
12. Student must submit a transcript from all high schools attended with his/her application. Transcripts must indicate cumulative grade point average with authentic signature.
13. Decisions of the board of trustees are final in all matters related to the above practices.
14. Awardees will be honored at the Emma W. Johnson Scholarship Silent Auction in October of 2017. Please make plans for you and family to attend.
15. Once the Scholarship recipient winner has been chosen we must have an official final transcript from your school. Please also include the list of current community service fulfilled along with contacts during your senior year.

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Failure to follow instructions may lead to disqualification of your application. Applicants found to have made false or misleading statements will be disqualified from consideration.

Student's Name: _____

High School: _____

Address 1: _____

Year of Graduation: _____

Address 2: _____

Counselor's Name: _____

City & ZIP: _____

Counselor's Tel. #: _____

Home Tel. #: _____

Counselor's Email: _____

Cell Tel. #: _____

Your Email: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Parent's Email: _____

Parent's Email: _____

Parent's Phone #: _____

Parent's Phone #: _____

I. Academics – List current GPA and honors/awards

1) Please submit most recent **Official Transcript**. If submitted by e-mail, the transcript must be sent from your high school counselor's office e-mail address. If submitted by US mail, the transcript must be official and sealed.

2) GPA _____

3) Please list any academic honors and/or awards (9th thru 11th grade)

(Attach additional sheets if necessary)

II. Community Service (do not include school activities) – List volunteer or community activities, including church/temple, tutoring, etc. List leadership roles, accomplishments, hours per week or per month and extent of involvement.

Activity and Year(s) you participated	Hours (indicate “per week” or “per month”)	Leadership Role / Accomplishments

(Attach additional sheets if necessary)

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III. School Activities – List types of school sponsored activities including sports, clubs, student government, newspaper, etc. Discuss leadership roles, accomplishments, hours per week or per month and extent of involvement.

Activity and Year(s) you participated	Hours (indicate “per week” or “per month”)	Leadership Role / Accomplishments

(Attach additional sheets if necessary)

IV. Work Experience – Include paid and unpaid work, internships, babysitting, etc.

Employer / Job Title	Year(s) employed / Hours	Responsibilities / Accomplishments

V. Education/Career Goals – State your educational interest and goals.

Education Goals: _____

Career Goals: _____

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VI. Financial Need

Household Composition (indicate number of each):

	Parents
	Siblings in College
	Siblings in High School
	Siblings in Grade School
	Other (please specify _____)

Please indicate in spaces above if there are other family members in your household not listed.

i.e. grandparents, etc...

Please indicate, in percentages, where you anticipate your college funding will come from.

%	Parents
%	Scholarships
%	Loans
%	Work
%	Savings
%	Other
Total (should total to 100%)	

How do you plan to finance your higher education? _____

What is your financial need for this scholarship?

VII. Essay: Please write an Essay on how you have overcome adversities and struggles while maintaining a minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA and still helping your community? *Essay must be at least one-page, typed, 250-500 words, and double-spaced. *

VIII. Please provide the names and phone numbers of two references (references must be non-relatives, e.g., school counselor, teacher, manager, etc.)

NAME (non-relative)	PHONE	RELATIONSHIP
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IX. Other

Is there any information you would like us to know that we have not asked you about?

I, _____, have completed this application to the best of my knowledge, and fully understand that any misrepresentation of the information contained in this application may disqualify me from the scholarship program. (If application is submitted electronically, e-mail record will be used in lieu of signature.)

Print Name

Signature

Please mail form to:

Partners for a Better Community

Attn: Tauheedah Salido

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