



Partners for a Better Community

Dear Guidance Counselor,

We are writing you on behalf of the PBC (Partners for a Better Community) and the Emma Wilder Johnson Scholarship fund. The PBC's mission is to bring awareness to people in the community, empower children, reward college students for their accomplishments by providing funding, and bless families in need. The purpose of this letter is for you to give students the opportunity to participate, who are in good academic standing, strong in community service, and live in the Tri-County Area; Charleston, Dorchester & Berkley Counties of South Carolina only.

The Emma Wilder Johnson Scholarship Program has been established to promote opportunities for students who want to further their education. This Scholarship fund is a fundraiser to help build this endowment, so that we may continue to help college students. There are so many who aren't qualifying for additional money. Although they have the GPA, their SAT scores aren't enough to warrant additional funds. Since being in existence, book scholarships and tuition assistance have been given. **It will be offered to graduating class of 2018 (current Juniors /11th graders in 2017) who are in good standing and have a minimum of a 3.0 cumulative overall grade point average at his/her high school graduation.**

Emma Wilder Johnson, having taught 34 years at C.A. Brown and Burke High School, was an advocate for education and dedicated most of her life to it. Because of her love, commitment, and passion for education, we embrace the Emma Wilder Johnson Scholarship Fund with hopes that those seeking to further their education will be able to do so and walk into their destiny.

The Partners for a Better Community is asking for your help in selecting students to receive the Emma Wilder Johnson Scholarship. 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 the application and return by **Saturday, April 15, 2017**.

Sincerely,

Tauheedah J. Salido

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Partners for a Better Community Liaison

Scholarship Criteria and Information

1. Emma W. Johnson Educational Scholarship 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. Scholarship 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. Scholarship 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 2016. 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.

EMMA W. JOHNSON SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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. #: _____

Student's 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 |
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(Attach additional sheets if necessary)

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

Education Goals: _____

Career Goals: _____

VI. Financial Need

Household Composition (indicate number of each):

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

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| % | 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 #1: “How do you envision yourself contributing as a leader in the community in five to ten years?”**
Essay must be 250-500 words, double-spaced.

(Consider how you, as an individual have brought about or can bring about positive changes in other people’s lives. Even impacting the life of one person can have far a reaching impact.)

- 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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| _____ | _____ | _____ |
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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

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