



ANNOUNCEMENT

PUSH FOR EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIPS- 2015

April 20, 2015.

I. Jesse Jackson Fellows (Toyota) Scholarship

The **Jesse Jackson Fellows (Toyota) Scholarship** is a **\$25,000.00** award to college students who will have sophomore status as of **August 1, 2015**, are in financial need, and who have a minimum cumulative **GPA of 3.0**. The scholarship is renewable for each year for a maximum three year period. Students must also demonstrate participation in community service. Students must major in either **STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) or business**.

COMPLETED APPLICATION with all documentation must be submitted to PUSH Excel Office, 930 E. 50th Street Chicago, Illinois 60615, on or by 5PM, May 30, 2015.

Eligibility and Requirements

A. Qualifications:

- Must be a U.S. citizen
- Must be a sophomore in college by **August 1, 2015**
- Must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of **3.0**
- Must be either an **“stem” or a “business” major**
- Must be willing to work **2 Summer Co-op** Terms (minimum) at a Toyota location
- Must be open to relocation during Co-op Terms (note: housing and transportation benefits will be provided)
- Must be open to travel as a part of the Co-op Terms
- Must be open to overtime as needed during Co-op Terms
- Must be authorized to work in the U.S. without sponsorship; no student visas accepted

B. Demonstration:

- Must demonstrate participation in community service
- Must demonstrate academic preparation to attend college and succeed

- Must demonstrate the ability to overcome obstacles to achieve academic and personal goals

C. Documentation:

- A completed and submitted application
- Official transcript
- Two letters of recommendations (cannot include a family member)
- Proof of current enrollment in an accredited college/university in the United States (course schedule/admission letter, if applicable)
- Evidence of service learning during college enrollment. Student must indicate any school-based extracurricular involvement and/or community-service involvement.

D. Essay:

- Must submit minimum 500-word essay
- The required essay must address the following:
Why engineering and business majors are important to industry

E. Renewal:

Every year up to three years on a four year graduation scale.

II. Ora Lee Sanders Scholarship

There will be no **new** Ora Lee Sanders Scholarships awarded in 2015. We will continue to support previous awardees who remain in college.

III. Cirilo McSween (New York Life) Scholarship

The **Cirilo McSween (New York Life) Scholarship** is awarded to students who are majoring in business, achieve academic success, and play an active role in their communities. Scholarships are given in honor of New York Life's first African American agent, Cirilo A. McSween, who became an agent in 1957. Mr. McSween, who passed away in 2008, was a member of Rainbow PUSH Coalition's board of directors, a renowned civil rights activist who work closely with Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and noted businessperson. **The Cirilo McSween (New York Life) Scholarship is a \$2,500.00, award and may be renewed for a total of 4 years.** The award will be paid directly to the college or university the student will be attending.

Eligibility and Requirements

A. Qualifications:

- Must be a U.S. citizen
- Must be a senior attending high school and must graduate in spring or summer of 2015. Student must be accepted to an accredited four-year degree program

at a college or university in the U.S. for the academic year commencing in the year the scholarship is granted.

- **Must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of a 3.0**

B. Demonstration:

- Must demonstrate academic preparation to attend college and succeed
- Must demonstrate the ability to overcome obstacles to achieve academic and personal goals

C. Documentation:

- **A completed and submitted application due by May 30, 2015**
- Official transcript sent to PUSH by the college **(This applies to new and to renewed scholarships.)**
- Two letters of recommendations (cannot include a family member)
- Proof of current enrollment or acceptance to accredited college/university in the United States (course schedule/admission letter, if applicable)
- Evidence of service learning throughout the student's high school career (Must indicate any school-based extracurricular involvement and/or community-service involvement).

D. Essay:

- Must submit minimum 500-word essay
- The required essay must address the following:

Identify five (5) prerequisites for success and explain in detail your personal philosophy for the pursuit of excellence. Explain the obstacles or hardships you had to overcome on your journey to achieve academic success. Finally, explain how you will use your college education to achieve your personal goals and pursue excellence.

E. Renewal:

- The Cirilo McSween (New York Life) Scholarship is renewable up to **4 years as long as the student maintains a minimum grade point average of 3.0.**

IV. Presidential Choice Scholarship

There will be no **new** Presidential Choice Scholarships awarded in 2015. We will continue to support previous awardees who remain in college.