

Jerry Morris and Summer Houston

Memorial Scholarship



TO: All Scholarship Applicants
FROM: Black Employee Network of Union Pacific
SUBJECT: Union Pacific Railroad Black Employee Network's Jerry Morris and Summer Houston Memorial Scholarship

Dear Student:

Attached is the application material for the 2016 Union Pacific Railroad Black Employee Network (BEN) Jerry Morris and Summer Houston Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded to assist African American Students in defraying the cost of higher education. Recipients are chosen on the basis of scholastic ability and leadership. Personal or family financial situations can be a factor in consideration of eligibility and in awarding the scholarship. All decisions are within the discretion of the Black Employee Network Scholarship Committee and are final.

To be eligible for this scholarship, applicants must:

- Be a citizen of the United States, and resident of the State.
- Be an African-American graduating high school senior, or a college freshman or sophomore in the following states: Nebraska, Illinois, Texas, California, Louisiana, Nevada, Colorado, Missouri & Arkansas.
- Be a full time student during the existing academic year.
- Enrolled in a full time course of study at an accredited college or university.
- Have a grade point average of 3.0 or above on a 4.0 scale or the equivalent thereof.
- Be active in extracurricular school/community activities and demonstrate their social awareness and involvement.
- Not have received the Jerry Morris and Summer Houston Scholarship more than twice.

Applications that are incomplete will not be considered and the applicant will be disqualified.

The submission deadline for all Black Employee Network (BEN) Scholarship applications **including all supporting documents and detail is March 31, 2016**. Applications postmarked after **March 31, 2016** and any other information received after this date **will not** be accepted.

Application Checklist and Deadline

The following items must be completed and submitted to the Black Employee Network Scholarship Committee at the Union Pacific Railroad to be considered for the scholarship; no exceptions:

1. Scholarship Applicant must be a:
 - Resident of the Nebraska, Illinois, Texas, California, Louisiana, Colorado, Missouri & Arkansas.
 - Plans to attend or is currently attending an accredited college or university.
2. The following requirements should be included in the package:
 - Typed application or legibly written
 - Typed essay
 - Typed resume
 - An official **transcript in a sealed envelope** (*must have the high school or college/university seal*).
 - All transcripts must cite the cumulative grade point average and be sealed in an envelope with package.
 - Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or American College Test (ACT) score; college students are required to provide a copy as well
 - Two letters of recommendation:
 - One academic (teacher or professor), and
 - One community service and/or employment-related letter of recommendation **(Recommendation letter(s) should not come from a relative of applicant and should specify capacity in which they know or have observed applicant)**
 - Signature of applicant, not typed.
3. Application Deadline Date: Completed applications and all correspondence must be postmarked on or before **March 31, 2016** (Please send to the nearest chapter listed in the chart below).

Chapter	Scholarship Contact	Address	City	State	Zip
Chicago	Tamicia Rush	UP California Ave. Coach Yard 423 N Sacramento	Chicago	IL	60612
Ft. Worth	Steven Briggs Jr.	2827 Ray Dr.	Denison	TX	75020
Houston	Erica Bell / Shannon Isabell	801 Louisiana, Suite 330	Houston	TX	77002
Los Angeles	Will Higgins	13181 Crossroads Parkway N	City of Industry	CA	91746
N. Little Rock	Tiecy Cotton	1000 West 4 th Street	North Little Rock, AR	AR	72114
New Orleans	Willie Agnew / David Como	4315 4 th St	Port Arthur	TX	77642
Omaha	Michele Brown	Streamline – A Union Pacific Company 222 So. 15th St., Ste. 402-S	Omaha	NE	68102
Shreveport	Romedro Davis	7820 Oak Creek Trail	Shreveport	LA	71129
St. Louis	Tracy Andrews	P.O. Box 69012	St. Louis	MO	63169
Kansas City	Alma Hill	6400 Martin Avenue	Kansas City	MO	64120
San Antonio	Rodney Arrington	P.O. Box 926	Converse	TX	78109
Roseville	Robert Ellis Jr.	9391 Atkinson St.	Roseville	CA	95747

Please Note:

- Once notification is received that you are a scholarship recipient there will be additional information requested and will be the student's responsibility to comply with the deadlines for submitting that information.
- Failure to comply with all scholarship guidelines/deadlines will result in immediate disqualification.

The BEN organization will not send any reminders nor contact you for information not provided

2016 Black Employee Network

Jerry Morris and Summer Houston Memorial Scholarship Application

Personal Data

Name (First, Middle, Last):			
Mailing Address (Street, City, St, Zip):			
Primary Telephone Number:			
Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY):		Gender:	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female

Education (high school, college, etc):

Name	Year(s) Attended	City / State	Graduation Date
ACT Score:		Date Taken:	
SAT Score:		Date Taken:	

Please attach a copy of results with application.

Parental Information

Are you a dependent of a Union Pacific railroad Employee?

Annual Family Income:

Number of dependent children in household:

Number of dependent children currently enrolled in an accredited college/university:

Please Note: Completion of the parental information section is required unless you are a verified independent student. Submission of applicant's independent student verification must be from the appropriate school official if applicant is a classified independent student.

In the space provided below, please answer the following questions:

(Attach separate pages (8 ½ x 11) if additional space is needed).

1. Why is obtaining a post-secondary education important to you?

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2. Why do you feel we should award the scholarship to you?

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3. What college do you plan to attend?

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4. Please indicate the major(s) and minor(s) you plan to pursue.

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5. Why have you chosen your particular area(s) of concentration?

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6. Please indicate the educational assistance amount received from the applicable sources below.

	Scholarships:	
	Grants:	
	Loans:	
	Parents:	
Other (Specify):		

7. Please list any extra-curricular activities (left) you participated in and any special recognition or honors (right) you received in connection with these activities.

8. Please list 3 most recent jobs you have held and hours per week you worked.

9. Please list any volunteer service you have provided, including community and church activities on the left. Please include the duration of your involvement on the right.

I certify the information contained in this scholarship application is true and correct. The Union Pacific Railroad Black Employee Network is hereby authorized to verify any information contained in this application. I understand that my application will not be returned to me but properly discarded by the Black Employee Network Scholarship Committee. I understand that any falsification or misrepresentation will result in disqualification. I agree to accept the decision of the Black Employee Network Scholarship Committee in regards to this scholarship application.

Applicant's Signature:

	Date:	
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*****Applications without required signature will be disqualified.*****

Student Essay Coverage Page

Answer the following question in detail:

“Union Pacific Railroad identifies Vision, Commitment, Communication, Teamwork and Respect as five important attributes of leadership. Pick three of the five attributes and describe how you currently use each of them in your personal life or how you can use them to impact your community?”

Criteria:

- ❑ Must be typed, maximum of 500 words
- ❑ Question must be clearly answered

Essay will be evaluated based on content, grammar and overall structure.

(2) Letters of Recommendation Cover Page

This Applicant has applied for a scholarship from the Black Employee Network. Based on your knowledge of the applicant, please provide statements about the character of the applicant as well as your impression of his/her ability to succeed in a college. Please return the letter to the applicant typed with signature across seal. He/she will include it with his/her application.

Letter must be typed on official letterhead and submitted with recommender's signature.

Scholarship Applicant's Name:		
Recommender's Name:		
Recommender's Occupation:		
Relationship to Student:		
Signature of Preparer:	Date:	

Tips for Scholarship Application Preparation

1. Read and follow all guidelines. Many applications are disqualified each year because applicants omit a key step in the guidelines or ignore instructions. If you are unsure about any part of the application or whether you are qualified to apply, call Cherramiee Peterson at 402-501-3529 for information.

Proofread all your work thoroughly. Check to be sure that sentences are complete, clear, and grammatically correct. Applications should not be unclear or contain numerous mistakes distracting the reviewer from focusing on the content and reflect poorly on the author's ability to produce a high quality product.

2. Have someone else read the completed essay. An objective reader can often identify areas that need more explanation and may find errors that the applicant has overlooked.
3. Be concise. Reviewers must read dozens of applications. Applications that are clear and concise are more compelling.
4. Encourage the person writing your Letter of Recommendation to type his or her letter and sign it.
5. Carefully review the Application Checklist. Complete any items that were overlooked in the preparation of the application package.