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Black Employee Network

**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 2017 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: Arkansas, California, Illinois, Louisiana, Missouri, Nebraska and Texas
- 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.
- Not be a dependent of a current Union Pacific employee

**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, 2017.** Applications postmarked after **March 31, 2017** 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 following states: Arkansas, California, Illinois, Louisiana, Missouri, Nebraska and Texas
- Plans to attend or is currently attending an accredited college or university.

**2. The following requirements should be included in the package:**

- Typed application
- 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, 2017** (Please send to the nearest chapter listed in the chart below).

Chapter	Scholarship Contact	Address	City	ST	Zip
Chicago	Kimberley Pernell/ Tamicia Rush	400 North Pulaski Rd.	Chicago	IL	60624
Ft. Worth	Amanda Boggan	1900 Epps Ave.	Fort Worth	TX	76104
Houston	Erica Ben	801 Louisiana Suite 330	Houston	TX	77002
Los Angeles	LaShanda Del Balso	13181 Crossroads Parkway N Suite 500	City of Industry	CA	91746
N. Little Rock	Brandon D. Morris	1000 West 4 <sup>th</sup> Street	North Little Rock, AR	AR	72114
New Orleans	David Como	4315 4 <sup>th</sup> St.	Port Arthur	TX	77642
Omaha	Jamie Cox	1400 Douglas St. MS#1860	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	James Talton Jr	P.O. Box 926	Converse	TX	78109
Roseville	Jefferson Mays	833 E. 8 <sup>th</sup> Street	Stockton	CA	95206

## **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 required scholarship information not provided.

**2017 BLACK EMPLOYEE NETWORK  
JERRY MORRIS and SUMMER HOUSTON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

**Personal Data**

NAME (First, Middle, Last) \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS (Street, City, State, Zip Code) \_\_\_\_\_

PRIMARY TELEPHONE NUMBER (XXX-XXX-XXXX) \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ GENDER (Male or Female) \_\_\_\_\_

PRIMARY EMAIL ADDRESS (required) \_\_\_\_\_

EDUCATION (high school, college, etc)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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 (8.5 x 11) if additional space is needed)

1. Why is 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 of concentration?

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6. Please indicate your source(s) for educational assistance:

<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount (if known)</u>
Scholarships	_____
Grants	_____
Loans	_____
Parents	_____
Other (specify)	_____

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

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

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

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

	Activity	Duration
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		

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: \_\_\_\_\_

***\*\*\*Applications without required signature will be disqualified.\*\*\****

## STUDENT ESSAY COVER PAGE

Answer in detail the following question.

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**

- 1 Must be typed maximum of 500 words
- 1 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: \_\_\_\_\_





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### 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 have questions in reference to qualifications, please call Jamie Cox at 402-544-4928 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.