

HERBERT LEHMAN EDUCATION FUND

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IN 1954, after nearly twenty years of litigation, the U.S. Supreme Court found the doctrine of “separate but equal” unconstitutional in the historic *Brown v. Board of Education* decision. In order to secure the hard won gains of *Brown*, the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. (“LDF”) established the Herbert Lehman Education Fund in 1964.

LDF’S SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS were established to provide financial assistance to African-American undergraduate and law students who would have previously been denied access to higher education on the basis of their race and to encourage African-American students to attend the newly desegregated colleges, public universities and law schools of the South.

OUR MISSION TODAY

The mission of the Herbert Lehman Fund is to help transform the promise of racial equality into a social, economic and political reality for all people by supporting talented undergraduate students who need financial help to stay in school and successfully complete their bachelor’s degree.

ELIGIBILITY & AWARD CRITERIA

- U.S. Citizen
- Graduating high school senior; first year student in an accredited four-year college; or a student transferring into an accredited four-year college
- Financial need
- Record of academic achievement
- Demonstrated commitment to public service

Applicants should hold a record of academic achievement, exhibit the qualities of leadership, show a demonstrable commitment to public service (e.g. through volunteer or other activities) and demonstrate financial need. They must be of excellent character and have a clear understanding of their educational goals and academic abilities. Herbert Lehman Awards are \$2,000 per year for four years (as long as scholars remain in good academic standing) for a total of \$8,000. **Deadline for applications is April 1 2017.** Final decisions are made by July 15 2017. All applicants will be notified.

LDF’s Scholarship Programs do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, ethnicity, national origin, religion, creed, sex, age, marital status, parental status, physical disability, learning disability, political affiliation, veteran status, sexual orientation or gender identity.

INTRUCTIONS

1. We prefer that you type your responses. If you must complete this application by hand, BE NEAT! Your responses should be legible and printed in blue or black ink.

2. Please include a copy of the transcript from your high school or college/university with your application.

3. Ask your teachers, coaches, clergy or employers to write about your character and responsibility as a citizen of your community. Recommendations should be included with your application. **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM FAMILY OR FRIENDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**

4. **ALL SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION MATERIALS MUST BE EMAILED WITH YOUR APPLICATION.** Transcript and letters of recommendation should not be sent under separate cover. Send only material requested – **do not include copies of awards, certificates, etc.**

5. For the first time we are accepting applications in email form **ONLY**. All nine items listed on the checklist must be attached in PDF format to one email and sent to scholarships@naacpldf.org with the heading: Herbert Lehman – Last name, First name. **Applications sent to the Herbert Lehman by mail or fax will not be considered**

IMPORTANT TIPS

Applications are reviewed and evaluated in various categories/areas. Failure to complete any portion of the application greatly reduces your chance of being awarded a scholarship. Examples of categories are:

Application (complete/neat) – Scholastic Achievement, SAT/ACT – Financial Need – Public Service – Essay – Support Letters.

Once you have fully completed the application, sent it in a PDF format to the Herbert Lehman Scholarship at the following email address: scholarships@naacpldf.org

REMEMBER

A COMPLETE application must contain all items listed below:

- Completed Scholarship Application Form;**
- Copy of acceptance letter to college you will attend in the fall (if already received);**
- 2 recommendation letters;**
- Résumé;**
- One essay;**
- One personal statement;**
- Official transcript from current school;**
- Copy of SAT and ACT test scores;**
- Copy of your Student Aid Report (FAFSA);**
- Finalists will be required to submit a recent head and shoulder photograph [Passport Size] when notified.**

DEADLINE

Applications must be emailed by
APRIL 1, 2017 11:59pm (EST)
To
scholarships@naacpldf.org

HERBERT LEHMAN APPLICATION

(MUST BE TYPED)

Name: _____
First Name Middle Name Last Name

Birth Date: _____ *mm/dd/yyyy* Gender: _____

Telephone: Home: _____ Cell: _____

Email: Personal: _____ School: _____

Permanent Home Address: _____
Number & Street Apt. #

City/Town State Zip Code

If Different From Above, please give your current mailing address for all scholarship correspondence.

Current Mailing Address: _____
Number & Street Apt. #

City/Town State Zip Code

Place of Birth: City: _____ State: _____

Are you a United States Citizen? YES NO Other: [Country] _____

Race: White Hispanic Black Asian Other: _____

High School Name: _____ Graduation Date: _____

List your SAT and ACT test scores: ACT _____ SAT _____

Check here if already enrolled in college/university: Freshman Sophomore

College/University name: _____ Expected Graduation Date: _____

GPA (weighted GPAs must be converted to the standard 4.0 scale): H.S. GPA _____ or College GPA _____

FAMILY

Please list both parents or your legal guardian below. If you wish, you may list step-parents and/or other adults with whom you reside.

With whom do you make your permanent home? Parents Guardian

Mr. Ms.: _____ Mr. Ms.: _____

Home address if different from yours

Home address if different from yours

Email: _____

Email: _____

Tel: _____ Tel: _____

FINANCIAL NEED

Please enclose a complete copy of your FAFSA form.

Estimated Expenses and Funds Available	
<i>Cost of Attendance [COA]*</i>	
<i>Expected Family Contribution [EFC from the FAFSA]</i>	
<i>Parents Adjusted Gross Income reported on the FAFSA form line 85</i>	
<i>Other Funds Available for School Year [grants, awards, scholarships, gifts, etc.]</i>	

***Please note:** Most schools provide on their website or through their financial aid office a total **Cost of Attendance (COA)** that includes tuition, fees, room and board, and an allowance for books, supplies, transportation, etc. Please find and enter the COA above. If your school does not provide a COA, provide an estimate of these expenses followed by "EST."

3. College or university you will or currently attend:

Name City State

If you have already been accepted to a college or university, please attach a copy of your acceptance letter to this application.

If you have applied to several schools but are still undecided or waiting for notification of acceptance, please list and rank the remaining schools by order of preference:

Name of School:	Rank:

REFERENCES

List below the names of two persons who will write about your character and responsibility as a citizen of your community. Be sure to get permission from each before listing. **Do not list relatives or friends.**

Name of recommenders:	Email and Telephone:
	Tel:
	Email:
	Tel:
	Email:

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ESSAY

You are required to submit **one separate, typed, double-spaced, 500-1,000 word essay** with this application. Please select one topic from the following list to be the subject of your essay:

- Explain the racial justice issue of most interest to you.
- Identify a racial disparity in modern society and how you would use your education to bring about awareness or change.

PERSONAL STATEMENT

Please select one topic from the following list and submit a brief statement of:

- Your interest in higher education;
- Influences (persons, events books or conditions) which have motivated your interest;
- Vocational or career plans.

RESUME

Submit a one page professional resume with your community service involvement, extra-curricular activities, awards, and work history.

I certify that all information submitted in the admission process—including the application, the personal essays, any supplements and any other supporting materials—is my own work, factually true, and honestly presented, and that these documents will become the property of the Herbert Lehman Education Fund and will not be returned to me. I understand that any scholarship award may be revoked should the information I certified be false.

Signature

Date

I certify and agree that the typed signature above represents my actual signature and endorsement.

Herbert Lehman Education Fund Scholarships are made possible by thousands of voluntary contributions and Foundation support. In seeking contributions to sustain this invaluable program, we would like to have your permission to use your photograph, biographical information and personal essays and to contact you for interviews. ALL OTHER INFORMATION SUBMITTED IN YOUR APPLICATION (*i.e.* social security number, financial information and recommendations) WILL REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL. We will only use this information with your consent or the consent of your parent or guardian (if you are under the age of 18). Please note that giving permission **will not affect** your selection or rejection for a Lehman Scholarship; awards will be made without regard to whether you sign or do not sign the permission below.

YES, YOU MAY USE MY PHOTOGRAPH, BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION AND PERSONAL ESSAYS FROM MY FILE AND YOU MAY CONTACT ME FOR INTERVIEWS.

Applicant Signature

(If under 18) Parent or Guardian Signature

I certify and agree that the typed signature above represents my actual signature and endorsement.

Date: _____ Date: _____

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