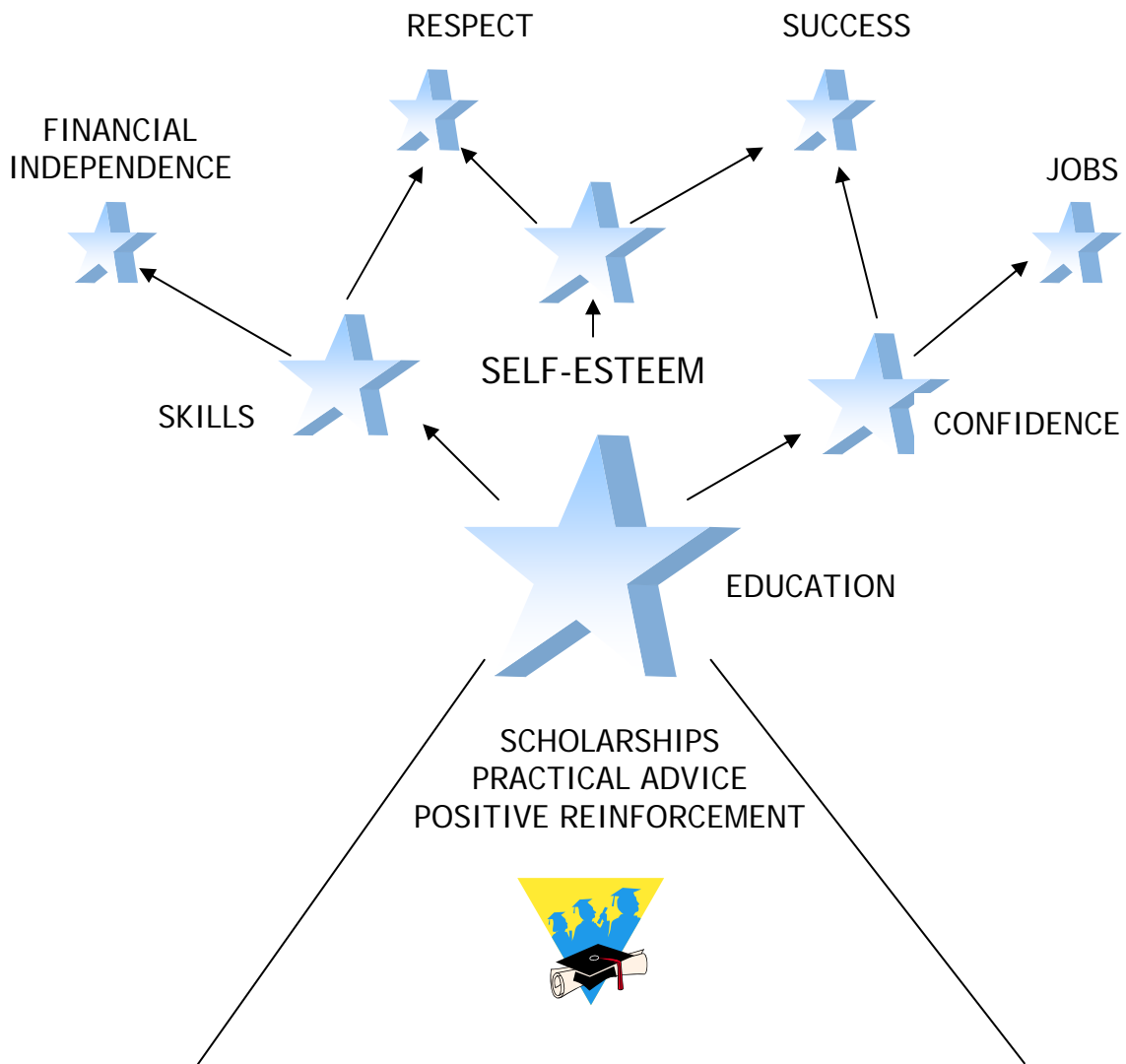
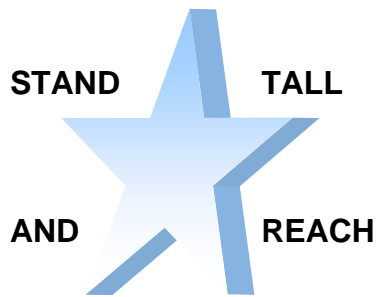


Star Scholarship Foundation





The STAR Scholarship Foundation is a not-for-profit foundation started and initially funded by Paul Peck in 1992 to help African American and Black students achieve their higher education goals. STAR's purpose is to show African American and Black students that there is hope, the community cares, and studying pays.

STAR is an all-volunteer organization and more than 98% of funds go toward scholarships and merit awards. As of July 2011, STAR has awarded more than \$1,881,000 in scholarships and merit awards.

STAR offers African American and Black students in the 9th, 10th, and 11th grades, the opportunity to win \$1,000 or \$250 college or vocational school scholarships. African American and Black 6th, 7th, and 8th graders may win \$150 or \$75 STAR merit awards, 7th graders may win \$100 or \$50 STAR merit awards, and 6th graders may win \$50 or \$25 STAR merit awards.

STAR Scholarship Foundation's Academic/Vocational Opportunities

The STAR Scholarship Foundation invites you to apply for a \$1,000 grant-in-aid scholarship which will start you on the road to achieving your career goals by improving your education and building your job skills.

This competitive scholarship program is open to all African American (black American of African descent) and Black 9th, 10th and 11th graders in the Montgomery County Public Schools who meet the minimum requirements and want scholarship money to pay for future college or vocational school costs.

Scholarships are provided for both academic and vocational schooling. The potential exists to win three STAR scholarships if you apply in the 9th, 10th and 11th grades. Thus you may win up to \$3,000 toward your education after high school by winning the STAR Scholarship for three consecutive years. Numerous students have won multiple scholarships. The scholarship may be used for tuition, housing, books, or fees; and is paid directly to the college or vocational school. The scholarship is revoked if not applied for within 3 ½ years after graduation from high school.

STAR scholarships offer more than just money to winners. You will receive media recognition at the Annual Awards Ceremony. Winning a STAR Scholarship will also improve your chances of winning a four-year scholarship. If you are interested in success, in winning, in building your future and continuing your education, complete the application and attached forms and bring them to your counselor. Do it for yourself and your future.

STAR Scholarship Foundation Minimum Requirements

Students who have:

- Consistently above average grades (GPA 3.1 or greater) in the previous school year or grades showing significant progressive improvement over three previous marking periods.
- Plus one or more of the following :
 - Significant academic accomplishments
 - Significant employment experience / employer recommendation
 - Significant volunteer efforts or community involvement
 - Responsibility in family life (caring for family member, contributing to family income)
 - Responsible participation in service-oriented or extracurricular activities

2012
STAR Scholarship Foundation Application

(Please type or print clearly)

Student ID# _____

Grade: _____

High School: _____

Email address: _____

Name of Student: Mr. Miss: _____

Address: _____ Apt.: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Telephone No.: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian/Advocate: _____

Address: _____

Telephone No.: _____

I am applying for a \$1,000 scholarship for college or vocational training. I am willing to be interviewed to provide other information needed to complete this application, and I am attaching the required essay, "**Why Every American Citizen Needs to Vote**", as well as two recommendations/testimonials, one of which must be a teacher's recommendation. A third recommendation is optional.

Signature of Student: _____

Date: _____

I support this scholarship applicant, and will provide help and participate as a resource to him/her if selected. I understand that the Scholarship will be revoked if not applied for within 3½ years after graduating from high school.

Signature of parent/guardian: _____

Date: _____

Application Deadline: February 24, 2012

Announcement of Winners: June, 2012

Incomplete folders will not be considered for scholarship awards

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Recommendation/Testimonial Form (1)

Student ID: _____

Applicant Name: _____ School: _____

Please complete this information; it will be used in evaluating the applicant's qualification for a STAR Scholarship. Please fill out this form as completely as possible.

Check only the most applicable category:

| | |
|--|----------------|
| _____ Teacher Recommendation | Name: _____ |
| _____ Employer Recommendation | Title: _____ |
| _____ Community/Volunteer Service Recommendation | Address: _____ |
| _____ Extracurricular Activity Recommendation | Phone: _____ |
| _____ Other | |

Please respond to the following questions given your experience with this applicant. You may attach additional pages as needed.

1. Years known _____
2. In what capacity have you known this applicant? Describe the circumstances that provide the basis for your personal knowledge of the applicant's character and potential.
3. Give specific examples of how this applicant has provided service, demonstrated personal responsibility, or shown potential.

I affirm the above statements.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Recommendation/Testimonial Form (2)

Student ID: _____

Applicant Name: _____

School: _____

Please complete this information; it will be used in evaluating the applicant's qualification for a STAR Scholarship. Please fill out this form as completely as possible.

Check only the most applicable category:

_____ **Teacher Recommendation**

Name: _____

_____ **Employer Recommendation**

Title: _____

_____ **Community/Volunteer Service
Recommendation**

Address: _____

_____ **Extracurricular Activity**

Phone: _____

_____ **Recommendation**

_____ **Other**

Please respond to the following questions given your experience with this applicant. You may attach additional pages as needed.

4. Years known _____

5. In what capacity have you known this applicant? Describe the circumstances that provide the basis for your personal knowledge of the applicant's character and potential.

6. Give specific examples of how this applicant has provided service, demonstrated personal responsibility, or shown potential.

I affirm the above statements.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Star Scholarship Foundation

Recommendation/Testimonial Form (3)

Student ID: _____

Applicant Name: _____

School: _____

Please complete this information; it will be used in evaluating the applicant's qualification for a STAR Scholarship. Please fill out this form as completely as possible.

Check only the most applicable category:

_____ **Teacher Recommendation**

Name: _____

_____ **Employer Recommendation**

Title: _____

_____ **Community/Volunteer Service
Recommendation**

Address: _____

_____ **Extracurricular Activity**

Phone: _____

_____ **Recommendation**

_____ **Other**

Please respond to the following questions given your experience with this applicant. You may attach additional pages as needed.

7. Years known _____

8. In what capacity have you known this applicant? Describe the circumstances that provide the basis for your personal knowledge of the applicant's character and potential.

9. Give specific examples of how this applicant has provided service, demonstrated personal responsibility, or shown potential.

I affirm the above statements.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

**Star Scholarship Foundation
Counselor Evaluation
High School**

Applicant Name: _____ **Student ID#** _____

School: _____ **Grade:** _____

1. Briefly describe this applicant's strengths/weaknesses.

2. Using a scale of 1 to 9 (best), indicate your opinion as to whether this applicant should be awarded the STAR Scholarship.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

3. _____ I recommend this student for a final interview.

Counselor: _____

School: _____

Phone: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

STAR Scholarship Foundation Essay

Using your best writing skills, write a 300-600 word essay on “Why Every American Citizen Needs to Vote”. Please type or print clearly. Please do not write your name on the essay.

Star Scholarship Foundation Counselor Check Sheet High School

Please complete this sheet for each applicant and keep in student folder.

Applicants with incomplete folders will not be considered

Applicant Name: _____ **Student ID#** _____

School: _____ **Grade:** _____

Date: _____

Please check off materials included in this folder.

_____ **Application Form**

_____ **Transcript of Grades**

_____ **Student Essay**

_____ **Recommendations/Testimonials from at least two persons. At least one recommendation must be a teacher recommendation. A third recommendation is optional.**

_____ **A. Teachers' Recommendation**

_____ **B. Community/Employer Recommendation**

_____ **C. Volunteer Work Testimonial**

_____ **D. Family Participation Testimonial**

_____ **E. Extracurricular Testimonial**

_____ **F. Extra copy of students' essay without students name or ID**

_____ **Counselor Evaluation**