Star Scholarship Foundation

- Stand Tall
- And Reach

Skills
- Respect
- Success
- Jobs
- Financial Independence
- Self-Esteem
- Confidence
- Education

Scholarships
- Practical Advice
- Positive Reinforcement
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 that 98% of funds go toward scholarships and merit awards. As of July 2012, STAR has awarded $2,164,075 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 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.

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
2013
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, “Discuss those aspects of school that help me learn more or better and those aspects that contribute little to learning”, 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:  March 4, 2013
Announcement of Winners: May 2013
Incomplete folders will not be considered for scholarship awards
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   Address: ________________________

   Recommendation  ______________________________________

_____Extracurricular Activity   Phone: ______________

   Recommendation  ______________________________________

_____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: __________________________________________
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  Address: ________________________
   Recommendation
_____ 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: ______________________________________
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  Address: ________________________
       Recommendation
       ________________________
_____ 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: ______________________________________
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 “Discuss those aspects of school that help me learn more or better and those aspects that contribute little to learning”. Please type or print clearly.
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 (Current and Two Previous Years)

______ 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

______ Counselor Evaluation