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The RKL Education Foundation, Inc.(RKLEF) is a 501(C) (3) nonprofit organization based in Gwinnett County, GA. RKLEF was established in May 14, 2002 by nine men interested in consolidating their efforts in youth development and the uplifting of humanity through charitable, educational, and social activities. The Foundation is the philanthropic arm of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc - Rho Kappa Lambda Chapter seated in Duluth, Georgia.

The mission of the Foundation is to aid “downtrodden humanity” in its efforts to achieve social, economic and intellectual status by funding educational programs, social activities, seminars, and support groups who provide services to children, adults and their families. The Foundation has helped young men and women seeking to attend college and become leaders. We also provide educational, motivational and skill building tools on issues of responsibility, relationships, teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases. In addition to helping the youth, RKLEF also helps in creating economic development in the community and provides viable opportunities for positive change. The Foundation is based upon three core values:

Manly Deeds

Scholarship

Love for all mankind

Since 2002, RKLEF has:

- Awarded 45 scholarships totaling over \$45,000
- Facilitated individual and group youth development programs.
- Sponsored College Tours in North Carolina, Georgia, Washington D.C, and Florida
- Sponsored four annual financial education workshops for the metro-Atlanta area
- Sponsored and hosted nine Annual Fundraising Black Tie Gala and Upscale Events.
- Co-sponsored two annual Greater Atlanta HBCU College Fair.

The RKL Education Foundation consists of numerous members with various professional backgrounds ranging from education and corporate to military and business owners in the metro-Atlanta area. The members are dedicated to mentoring our youth, empowering the community and sending high school students to college. We mentor students from the ages of 11 to 21 years old, in Gwinnett and DeKalb counties. The majority of these students go on to college and major in areas, such as education, engineering, business, science, journalism, and political science.

Sincerely,

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2020 RKL Education Foundation Scholarship

Dear Gwinnett County Students:

The RKL Education Foundation, Inc. is pleased to introduce our first co-ed historically black colleges and universities (HBCU)/ Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) scholarship in addition to other male centric RKL Education Foundation Scholarships. These scholarships were created to award deserving minority college-bound high school students who live in Gwinnett County. This year, the RKL Education Foundation will award up to five scholarships to deserving Gwinnett County African American high school students. All applicants will be considered regardless of religion, or sexual orientation. Financial need as well as other criteria will be used to determine the awardees.

The following will be awarded to top candidates based on overall merit plus HBCU and/or STEM criteria where applicable:

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| Brother Earnest Gibson Memorial Scholarship (\$1000) | Brother Oliver Hunter HBCU Scholarship (\$1000) |
| Brother Eddie Nesby Memorial Scholarship (\$1000) | Future Men of Distinction Scholarship(s) (Various \$) |
| Gloria & Clarence Lockett HBCU/STEM Scholarship (\$2000/co-ed) | |

Properly completed applications must be postmarked by **April 9th, 2020** in order to be eligible for consideration; this includes the application, essay, transcripts, SAT or ACT results, photograph of applicant (headshot) and two letters of recommendation. Please review the scholarship rules on page three of this packet prior to submitting an application packet. Top finalists will be selected for interviews. The candidates will be informed by the RKLEF scholarship chairman regarding the interview time and date. Once the interviews are complete, the scholarship recipients will be notified within ten days of the last scheduled interview.

To apply for the RKL Education Foundation Scholarships, make sure that the following items are included in your application packet checklist:

- Properly completed application.
- Current resume.
 - Highlight work experience, leadership, community service, extracurricular activities, honors and awards.
- An official (sealed) transcript with SAT or ACT scores.
- Photograph of applicant (headshots only please).
- Two letters of recommendation (at least one from a current educator).
- A 2-3 page, double-spaced essay based on the following topic: **"What are the reasons for your interests? (Reflecting on your childhood, discuss how your interests were shaped by your upbringing.)"**

Make sure your application packet is mailed to the following address:

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Thank you for your consideration of the RKL Education Foundation Scholarships, and good luck!

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Rules

1. Scholarship applicants must reside in Gwinnett County during the 2019-2020 school year.
2. Applicants must be a male(or female for Lockett award) high school senior at the time of application.
3. In order to receive a scholarship, applicants must attend a four-year College or University, starting in the fall semester (2020). Additionally, that College or University must be an HBCU to be eligible for the Brother Oliver Hunter HBCU and Gloria & Clarence Lockett HBCU/STEM Scholarships with latter requiring a STEM focus for major.
4. Completed applications must be postmarked by **April 9th, 2020**. The application package must consist of the following items:

Completed and signed application form	Photograph (Headshot Only)
Current Resume	2-3 page double-spaced essay
Official Sealed High School Transcript and SAT or ACT scores	Two Letters of Recommendation (One must come from a current educator)

The essay topic is as follows: **What are the reasons for your interests? (Reflecting on your childhood, discuss how your interests were shaped by your upbringing.)**

5. If selected as one of the interview finalists, you are required to attend your interview in order to receive full consideration. The scholarship chairman will inform the candidates regarding the interview time and date.
6. If selected as a scholarship recipient, awardee(s) will receive their scholarship award during our annual scholarship reception.
7. If selected as a scholarship recipient you hereby agree to the following:
 - Grant permission to use your picture and name in Foundation and Chapter literature.
 - Provide yearly updates on college progress.
 - Attend our student recognition program as a former recipient at least once during your undergraduate tenure.



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2020 RKL Education Foundation Scholarship Application

Please legibly print all information. The essay should be thoughtfully and clearly written, but succinct. The application will be rated on appearance, verifiability of information, clarity, and evidence of achievements. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

FULL NAME _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____ PHONE _____

SCHOOL NAME _____ E-MAIL _____

List extracurricular activities including offices held, honors and awards

Current resume and official sealed transcript.

Two (2) letters of recommendation (at least one from a current educator).

Photo of applicant (headshot only please).

Postmarked by **April 9th, 2020**

Two-page typed essay about the following topic: **What are the reasons for your interests? (Reflecting on your childhood, discuss how your interests were shaped by your upbringing.)**

SAT or ACT Scores

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Your signature certifies that you and your legal guardian understand and agree to the rules of the 2020 RKL Education Foundation Scholarships.

Student Printed Name _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

If student is under the age of 18

Parent Printed Name _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

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