

Maxine A. Smith Scholarship Fund

During her 42 years of service as executive secretary of the Memphis Branch NAACP, Maxine A. Smith never saw a glass half empty or a mind without promise. Thus when she announced her retirement in 1995, her local NAACP colleagues took great care to make sure that generations to come would continue to appreciate her contributions to the community.

Although she championed many causes, education became her second identity. Maxine set great store by her mother's insistence that she and her brother and sister receive a formal education. She would later respond by becoming a schoolteacher and serving six terms on the school board.

The fund was established for graduating high school seniors who have participated in the ACT-SO (Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics) program. **This is a one-time scholarship opportunity.** All scholarship recipients will be expected to attend a reception in their honor in late May or early June.

Applicants for the Maxine A. Smith Scholarship Fund must:

- ◆ be graduating high school seniors
- ◆ have participated in ACT-SO. Preference will be given to NAACP members
- ◆ have a minimum of a 2.5 (C) GPA out of a 4.0 point system
- ◆ submit the Maxine A. Smith Scholarship Fund application form and required attachments

*The application and all attachments must be typed. Applications must be obtained by contacting Vanessa Langston at (901) 722-0032 or vlangston@cfgm.org and are due **no later than April 2.**

A complete application includes:

- ◆ completed **Maxine A. Smith Scholarship Fund application form** ó please contact Vanessa Langston at (901) 722-0032 or vlangston@cfgm.org for a copy
- ◆ typed **essay telling about your experiences in ACT-SO.** Requirements: At least one page in length, double-spaced, in 12 pt. type with 1 inch margins.
- ◆ typed **essay telling about your life goals.** Requirements: At least one page in length, double-spaced in 12 pt. type with 1 inch margins.
- ◆ two current letters of recommendation from teachers, clergy or persons other than family members who are familiar with your skills and abilities
- ◆ most recent high school transcript
- ◆ copy of your ACT and/or SAT scores
- ◆ copy of your Student Aid Report (SAR) and Expected Family Contribution (EFC) information, which you will receive when you complete your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Your application and all related attachments must be received in the offices of the Community Foundation of Greater Memphis by 5 p.m. on April 2, 2012.

Amount of Awards in 2009: \$7,000 total
Amount of Awards in 2010: \$5,000 total
Amount of Awards in 2012: \$5,000 total
Range of all Awards: \$1,000



MAXINE A. SMITH SCHOLARSHIP FUND APPLICATION
2012

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. Applicant must be a graduating high school senior. This is a one-time scholarship opportunity.
2. Applicant must have participated in ACT-SO. Preference will be given to NAACP members.
3. A minimum of a 2.5 (C) GPA out of a 4.0 point system is required.
4. Please submit a copy of current high school transcript and ACT or SAT scores.
5. A typed essay must be submitted telling about your experiences in ACT-SO. **Requirements:** At least one page in length, double-spaced, in 12 pt. type with 1 inch margins.
6. A typed essay must be submitted telling about your life goals. **Requirements:** At least one page in length, double-spaced in 12 pt. type with 1 inch margins.
7. Please submit two current letters of recommendation from teachers, clergy or persons other than family members who are familiar with your skills and abilities.
8. Submit a copy of the applicant's Student Aid Report (SAR) and Expected Family Contribution (EFC) information, which will be received when the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is completed. **Note:** The FAFSA is available at libraries, colleges, universities and on line at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Students should complete the FAFSA and submit their information after January 1, but before Mid-February. The SAR will be received approximately four weeks after the complete FAFSA is submitted.

Submit to:
Attn: Scholarships
Community Foundation of Greater Memphis
1900 Union Avenue
Memphis, TN 38104

For questions, please contact Vanessa Langston at 722-0032 or vlangston@cfgm.org

Deadline: April 2, 2012

***Recipients will be expected to attend a reception in their honor in late May or early June.**



THE AFRO-ACADEMIC, CULTURAL, TECHNOLOGY & SCIENTIFIC OLYMPICS

This application is to be used only if you are applying for the Maxine A. Smith Scholarship Fund.

Community Foundation of Greater Memphis
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2012 APPLICATION

Graduating High School Seniors ONLY

Please type

1. First Name _____ Last Name _____ 2. Sex _____ M _____ F

3. Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

4. Home Phone (____) _____ Cell (____) _____

5. Email: _____

How did you hear about our scholarship funds? _____

6. Social Security Number: ____ - ____ - _____ 7. Birth Date ____/____/____

8. Are you a NAACP member _____ yes _____ no? Membership # _____

9. Have you participated in ACT-SO? __Yes __No If yes, what year(s)? _____

10. Grade Point Average (GPA) _____ (based on a 4.0 system)

11. Composite ACT score: _____ OR SAT Scores: Verbal _____ Math _____ Total _____

12. Name of college you plan to attend:

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

13. Cost of tuition for one year: _____ Cost of room and board for one year: _____

14. In essay form tell about your ACT-SO experience, including the impact it has had on you, your school and your community. (Your typed response should answer each question and be at least one page in length, double-spaced in 12 pt. type with 1 inch margins).

15. In essay form, tell about what you hope to achieve in your life. Who or what inspired your life goal or goals? How do you plan to achieve your goal or goals? (Your typed response should answer each question and be at least one page in length, double-spaced in 12 pt. type with 1 inch margins).

16. List and describe activities in which you are engaged. (School, social, religious, etc.)

17. List and describe the civic activities in which you are engaged. Please be sure to include if you are a NAACP member and list any activities related to your NAACP participation.

18. List any academic awards or honors received.

19. Please list below the source and amount of any grants or scholarships awarded for the coming school year:

Name of Grant/Scholarship	Amount
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DEADLINE: April 2, 2012
Return to: Attn: Scholarships
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