



Old Dominion (VA) Chapter The Links, Incorporated

Dear Scholarship Applicant:

Old Dominion (VA) Chapter, The Links Incorporated is an organization of women from Prince William and other Northern Virginia counties. We are committed to educational, cultural and civic activities. We seek to provide programs of various enrichment experiences for those who are educationally disadvantaged and culturally deprived as well as provide support and encouragement for talented individuals. To accomplish the latter, we are committed to providing support to the youth of Prince William County through educational scholarships.

This year, Old Dominion Chapter will be awarding scholarships in the amounts of \$1,250 to \$2,500 to deserving students. The scholarships are as follows:

- The Ethel L. Reaves Community Service Leadership Award (\$2,500)
- The Willa and George Dumas College Scholarship (\$1,500 + \$500 Sustaining Scholarship)
- The Fannie W. Fitzgerald Educational Leadership Academic Scholarship Award (\$1,250)
- The Wilhelmina Reuben-Cooke Distinguished Educator Academic Scholarship Award (\$1,250)
- The Historically Black Colleges/Universities Scholarship – HBCU (\$1,250)

A description of each scholarship is included as a part of the application packet.

Only one application is necessary from each applicant. The scholarship and amount to be awarded will be based on criteria set by the Scholarship Committee.

Attached you will find an application for our college academic scholarships for the 2021-2022 academic year. The application is also located on our website: odclinks.org. You qualify, if you

- are a graduating senior from a Prince William County high school;
- have applied or have been accepted to a four-year college or university
- have at least at 3.0 grade point average
- show evidence of potential for success and leadership;
- have good character; and
- show evidence of volunteer/community service.

It should be noted that children, grandchildren and great grandchildren of members of the Links, Incorporated are ineligible to apply for one of our scholarships. Additionally, if you have received a full scholarship (academic, athletic or military appointment), you are ineligible.

Your completed application and supportive documents should be emailed to odcscholarships@outlook.com by **February 22, 2021**. Members of the scholarship committee will interview scholarship finalists on **March 27, 2021** at a location to be determined in Prince William County. Scholarship recipients will be notified by Saturday, **April 24, 2021**. If you have questions, you may email me at odcscholarships@outlook.com or each me by phone at 240-355-1191.

Sincerely,
Johnnetta Davis-Joyce
Scholarship Chair



OLD DOMINION (VA) CHAPTER, THE LINKS, INCORPORATED COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Old Dominion (VA) Chapter, The Links, Incorporated is proud to be able to award the following scholarships for the 2021-2022 school year. Scholarships will be awarded only to 2020 graduating seniors of Prince William County high schools. A GPA of at least a 3.0 is required of all applicants. Additionally, evidence of leadership, good character and volunteer/community service are important qualities. **All scholarships will be paid directly to the college/university of choice of the recipients.**

Reminder: Only one application is required. The Scholarship Committee will review/screen all applications, identify finalists, interview finalists, and select an awardee for each of the five scholarships.

The Ethel L. Reaves Community Service Leadership Award

In memory of Ethel L. Reaves, a registered nurse, who was a charter member of Old Dominion (VA) Chapter, The Links, Incorporated, we are honored to be able to offer a college scholarship in the amount of \$2,500 in her name. Exemplary community service is required for this scholarship. The recipient has the choice of attending any accredited four-year college or university.

The Willa and George Dumas College Scholarship

In memory of Willa and George Dumas, who were instrumental in organizing Old Dominion (VA) Chapter, The Links, Incorporated, we are privileged to offer the only sustaining college scholarship in the amount of \$1,500 this year. In addition, a \$500 scholarship will be awarded to the same recipient for each of the remaining three years of enrollment at an accredited four-year college or university of choice provided that he/she continues to maintain a 3.0 GPA and demonstrates evidence of leadership and community service.

The Fannie W. Fitzgerald Educational Leadership Academic Scholarship Award

In memory and honor of Link Fannie W. Fitzgerald who was a charter member of Old Dominion (VA) Chapter, The Links, Incorporated, we are honored to be able to offer a college scholarship in the amount of \$1,250. Link Fannie was a *trailblazer* in her community due to all of the accomplishments that she made in helping to desegregate the school system in Prince William County. She was one of the five African American teachers who was called to integrate certain elementary schools before the county fully integrated. Link Fannie served in an administrative position but returned to her love of teaching children until she retired. An elementary school is named in her honor in the County and located on the street named Benita Fitzgerald Drive which is named after her daughter—1984 Olympiad Link Benita Fitzgerald Mosley. Recipients must attend an accredited four-year college or university.

The Wilhelmina Reuben-Cooke Distinguished Educator Academic Scholarship Award

In memory and honor of Link Wilhelmina Reuben-Cooke who was a member of Old Dominion (VA) Chapter, The Links Incorporated, we are honored to be able to offer a college scholarship in the amount of \$1,250. In 1963 Link Wilhelmina was one of five African-American students who desegregated Duke University in Durham, North Carolina. Until 1963, the university was a white-only school for both students and faculty alike. Known as the “*First Five*”, these Black undergraduate students peacefully broke segregated barriers and entered classrooms that were previously closed to Black students. Link Wilhelmina graduated in 1967 and went on to serve on the Board at Duke and also became a distinguished lawyer. In 2020 the Duke Board of Trustees announced that it would be naming its iconic west campus building after a Black pioneer for the first time in the history of the university—Wilhelmina Reuben-Cooke. The Board of Trustees voted unanimously to proceed with the new name. As the current president at Duke stated, “From this day forward, anyone who passes through its doors will carry on the legacy of accomplishment, engagement, and lasting impact of Wilhelmina Ruben-Cooke.”

Recipients must attend an accredited four-year college or university.

Historically Black Colleges/Universities Scholarship (HBCUs)

In recognition, respect, and love for our HBCUs, we are offering a \$1,250 scholarship to an applicant who will be attending an accredited four-year HBCU. The selected applicant must meet the qualifications established by Chapter.



**Old Dominion (VA) Chapter
The Links, Incorporated**

2021-2022 ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Personal Information

Name:

Last

First

Middle

Address:

Street

City/State

Zip Code

Telephone #: _____

Sex: _____

Email: _____

High School: _____ Graduation Date: _____

Cumulative Grade Point Average: _____ (An official transcript must be attached)

Name of Parent(s)/Guardian(s): _____

Address (If different from above):

Telephone Number: (H) _____ (W) _____

Have you applied for and/or received any other financial assistance for the 2021-2022 school year?
If so, please indicate the donor(s) and amount of each.

Extracurricular Activities

List school clubs or organizations you have participated in during high school and positions held in each. (Attach a separate sheet, if necessary.)

List community service activities that you have participated in during high school and document your involvement. Also, list the names of any community organizations outside of school where you have done volunteer/community service. (Attach a separate sheet, if necessary.)

List any honors or awards you have received during high school. (Attach a separate sheet, if necessary.)

College/Career Plans

Name of the College/University you have been accepted to and plan to enroll:

Address of the College/University:

Projected Enrollment Date: _____

Proposed Major: _____

Give a brief statement of your career aspirations: _____

PLEASE ATTACH THE FOLLOWING:

1. Three letters of recommendation from persons who can attest to your academic achievement and/or character. Two letters must be from faculty members at your high school; one may be from a community member, family friend or neighbor.
2. An **official** copy of your transcript.
3. A 300 word typed essay on how receiving this scholarship will assist you in achieving your goals and aspirations.

Return completed application, along with all required documents (letters of recommendation, transcript, and essay) to: **odcscholarships@outlook.com**

Applications must include their name in the subject line and email application no later than Monday, February 22, 2021.

If you are chosen as one of our scholarship recipients, you will be asked to submit a wallet-sized photo for our newspaper feature along with a signed copy of our Photography Release Form. Letters of award will be presented at your school's awards ceremony at the end of the school year. Scholarship checks will be sent directly to the college/university upon notification that you have enrolled.

My signature below acknowledges that I am not a child, grandchild or great grandchild of a member of the Links, Incorporated or the recipient of a full scholarship.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Please share how you heard about this scholarship. Circle all that apply.

Alfred Street Baptist Church HBCU Festival – School Website – Church – Other _____