



THE DRIFTERS, INC.

The Drifters, Inc. was conceived in Waco, Texas in 1954. The first chapter was established in Chicago, Illinois. During the next two years, chapters were organized in Louisville, Indianapolis, St. Louis, New York and Greater Kansas City. The first and founding convention of the Drifters, Inc. was hosted by the Chicago Chapter at the Sheraton-Chicago Hotel from October 11-15, 1957

Over the years, Drifters, Inc. continues to be in the public focus- not only because of our unique charitable, civic, and social involvement- because we continue our on-going commitment to serve as role models and to enhance the universal image of womanhood in the cities where we reside. We have 35 chapters throughout the United States.

Drifters News: The Drifters, Incorporated were featured in August, 2011 edition of **Ebony Magazine** in an article by Adrienne Samuel Gibbs titled, "Invitation Only." The article discusses and highlights several invitation only national civic organizations including the Drifters Inc. National President, Lisa Johnson-Tonkins, and her mother a former mayor of Greensboro, North Carolina and a former national president of Drifters were both featured in the article

The Charlotte Chapter of Drifters, Inc. is dedicated to strengthening African American families and lifting the educational aspiration of young people. In 1994 the Charlotte Drifters, Inc. initiated a program to award college scholarships to high school seniors who without assistance may not have the opportunity for a college education.

The Charlotte Drifters have sponsored and participated in a number of human service projects that have included:

- Support to Needy Families through our "Adopt a Family" initiative
- Support of Friendship Baptist Church program for battered women and children
- Scholarships for adult students
- Four year Scholarships and personal support for college students for four years
- Volunteers for West Charlotte High School and Eastyway Middle School.
- Volunteers Presbyterian Hospital Hospice and Palliative Care

CHARLOTTE DRIFTERS, INC.
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Drifter Scholarships are Awarded as Follows

- Scholarships are awarded annually up to four years.
- Scholarship amounts range up to \$1000 per year
- Scholarships are dispersed per semester (i.e. \$500 per semester)
- Scholarship recipients must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher
- Scholarship recipients must submit an official transcript and proof of enrollment per semester prior to funds being dispersed

Eligibility Criteria

- Resident of the Charlotte Mecklenburg area
- High School senior or recent high school graduate
- 2.5 or higher grade point average
- Proof of acceptance from a four-year college, university, community college or trade school
- Demonstrated community and/or volunteer service
- Completed application
- A typed 100 or more word essay outlining educational and career goals
- An official high school transcript
- Two letters of recommendations: one from a teacher or school official and one from a community or church representative

**THE CHARLOTTE CHAPTER OF DRIFTERS, INC.
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

Please type or print in ink

Name _____ Male _____ Female _____

Date of Birth _____

Address _____

City _____ /State _____ /Zip Code _____

Telephone Number _____ /Cell _____

Name of Parent/Guardian _____

Address (If Different) _____

Name of Your High School _____

Address _____

School/Community Awards/Honors _____

List the school activities in which you are involved (clubs, organizations, offices, etc.) _____

Are you involved in community of church activities? (Include name of church/community organization) _____

What are your hobbies or special creative interests? _____

Share any special talents or skills (arts, athletics, academics, technology)

Expected college major _____

Write and attach an essay describing your career or occupational goals in 100 words or more. The essay must be typed.

Attach with your application at least two letters of reference that address your service and character. One should be from a teacher, counselor or principal/vice principal, and one from a community or church representative.

Signature of Applicant _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____

Scholarships are awarded contingent upon acceptance at an accredited, college, university or trade school.

DEADLINE: MAY 10, 2016

RETURN TO:

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