



This application must be received by the National Urban League office by Wednesday, March 31, 2010. Incomplete or late submissions will not be eligible for the scholarship awards.

To be considered for the scholarship competition, a candidate must be a current participant in Project Ready with a completed Individual College Development Plan (ICDP). The student must also be a graduating high school senior who will attend an accredited college in the Fall of 2010.

This scholarship competition is open to residents of the U.S. and limited to the current Urban League Project Ready participants. Excluded from this scholarship competition are the employees and families of the National Urban League, Board of Directors, judging panel, committee members, Guild members and all respective vendors who assisted in producing the promotional material for this scholarship.

**PROJECT READY
PAYLESS "INSPIRING POSSIBILITIES SCHOLARSHIPS"
Application Form
(Please Print or Type)**

Name:	Gender:
AGE: Date of Birth:	F <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/>
Urban League Affiliate:	
Full Mailing/ Home Address:	
City:	State:
Zip:	
Phone:	Email address:

Major Courses of Study (if applicable): _____

Present Grade Point Average: _____ / _____ **Scale Class Standing (If known):** _____

Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

MORE ABOUT YOU How do you view yourself? Mark all that apply.

- African American African American/Caribbean African American/White
- African American/Latino or Latina African American/Asian African American/African
- White Latino Asian Native American
- Other: _____

Please return this completed application, questionnaire and all necessary documentation to:

**PROJECT READY
PAYLESS INSPIRING POSSIBILITIES SCHOLARSHIP
Education & Youth Division
National Urban League
120 Wall Street, New York, NY 10005
Please fill out the attached questionnaire +**

Completed Scholarship Application must be received by March 31, 2010.
Faxed application packets are acceptable. Fax to 212-344-5322.



Student Name: _____

**PROJECT READY
PAYLESS INSPIRING POSSIBILITIES SCHOLARSHIP
Application Form Continued**

1. Please list any high school extracurricular activities, offices held, honor/award received.

2. Describe any volunteer, after-school and/or summer employment you have had during the past two years.

3. If selected as a scholarship recipient, what would be your principal area of work once you graduate from college?

TO COMPLETE THIS PROCESS PLEASE SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING WITH THIS APPLICATION

- Proof of participation or membership in an Urban League Project Ready (completed ICDP and nomination letter by CEO or Youth Services personnel) program
- Academic performance (2.60 GPA or higher) – copy of high school transcript
- Verification of Community Service Hours -Submitted via a letter from the Urban League Youth Development Program Director/Coordinator/ or Specialist which highlights the hours and types of community service projects completed; or a letter from church, school or other organizations where community service projects were completed by the applicant. Include copies of certificates of participation, if available.
- Verification of Extracurricular activities and demonstrated Leadership skills – these items can be highlighted in school documents or in the letters of recommendations, newspaper articles, etc.
- As a typed letter, on school or company letterhead - please enclose brief statements of recommendation from two adult references, including at least one member of your high school, Urban League or church staff.
- Please submit a typed statement, of not more than 300 words, telling how **being a part of an Urban League Project Ready program has helped to inspire you to pursue higher education and become a more socially responsible person.**

I certify that all of the information included in this application is true and complete. I hereby grant permission to the National Urban League/Payless Shoe Source Scholarship and/or its business units to verify such information and to contact present and/or former employers, the schools I have attended, and the individuals whose names I have given as references.

Name (Printed)

Signature

Date



The National Urban League is proud to work with Payless Shoe Source in order to provide the *Payless Inspiring Possibilities Scholarship* program in 2010. Scholarships will be awarded to graduating high school seniors who will enter postsecondary institutions in the fall of 2010, who are active participants of an Urban League Project Ready or Education/ Youth Development Program during the 2009-2010 school year, and who demonstrate social responsibility through volunteer activities in their school, community and/or youth program.

Winners will be selected on the basis of the submitted required documents. **To be considered, an applicant must meet the Scholarship criteria outlined below:**

- Completed Payless “Inspiring Possibilities Scholarship” Application
- Be an active participant of an Urban League Urban League Project Ready Program - Proof of participation or membership in Urban League Project Ready is the Completed Individual College Development Plan (ICDP) and a signed letter from the affiliate CEO or other Youth Services personnel (on Urban League letterhead). **Must be submitted with application.**
- Is a high school senior graduating by June 2010 with a 2.60 GPA or better – *A copy of the student’s high school transcript must be provided to the National Urban League.*
- **Has completed at least 200 community service hours** - Verification of Community Service Hours - Represented by a letter from the Urban League Youth Development Program Director/Coordinator/ or Specialist highlighting the hours and community service projects completed; or a letter from church, school or other organizations where community service projects were completed by the applicant. Include copies of certificates of participation, if available.
- **Completes and submits a written Essay (300 Words)** – Essay should demonstrate the ways in which being a part of an Urban League Project Ready or Education/ Youth Development/ College Access Program has helped to prepare and inspire you to pursue higher education and become a more socially responsible person.
- Provides the National Urban League with 2 Letters of Recommendation
- Provides verification of Extracurricular activities and demonstrated Leadership skills – these items can be highlighted in school documents or in the letters of recommendations, newspaper articles, etc

All official documentation and required documents must be submitted to the National Urban League by the close of business on Wednesday, MARCH 31, 2010:

SELECTION PROCESS:

All applications and accompanying documentation must be received by NUL’s Education and Youth Division by the closed of business, **Wednesday, March 31, 2010**. Using a multi-disciplinary team, completed applicant packages will be reviewed using the criteria identified in this announcement.

Scholarship recipients will be announced in late May 2010. The names of recipients will appear in the 2010 Centennial Youth Summit Program Book. Winners must provide the NUL with an official Letter of Acceptance from a postsecondary institution in order to receive the scholarship. All funds will be paid directly to the postsecondary institution. In no case will the funds be released directly to individuals.

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