



## **Links Scholars in Medicine 2018**

The Links, Incorporated is an international, not-for-profit corporation established in 1946. The membership consists of nearly 15,000 professional women of color in 285 chapters in 41 states, the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of the Bahamas. It is one of the nation's oldest and largest volunteer service organizations of extraordinary women who are committed to enriching, sustaining and ensuring the culture and economic survival of African Americans and other persons of African ancestry.

The Links established the Health and Human Services (HHS) facet in response to the chronic health disparities that persist in black communities and result in decreased life expectancy of African Americans and other people of African ancestry. The goal of HHS is to promote and facilitate programs that support the maintenance of good health and the elimination of chronic health disparities in communities of color through education, health advocacy, and health resources. The Links plays a significant role in providing crucial community education about health risks.

The Links recognizes that diversifying the physician workforce is one component that can improve the health of the African-American community. Knowing that the cost of a medical education is financially challenging, The Links will award five scholarships to medical students in the amount of \$25,000/year for two years (during their 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year of medical school matriculation).

### **Applicant Eligibility Requirements**

- Medical students who are approaching their third year of medical school
- Proof of U.S. citizenship
- Currently enrolled in an accredited U.S. medical school (and in good academic standing)
- Black/African-American female
- Demonstrated leadership ability
- Commitment to serving medically underserved communities

Applicants who are members of The Links, Incorporated or a daughter of a Link are not eligible.



## Application Demographic Information

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical School: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Street City State Zip

Permanent Address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Street City State Zip

High School Attended:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Name City State

College(s) Attended: Degree Received: Date:

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**Honors/Awards**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Volunteer Experience:**

Location Dates

\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Please include the following with your application and forward all documents to [health@linksinc.org](mailto:health@linksinc.org) :**

1) **Demographic Information** (*see page 2 of application*)

2) **Current Professional School Transcript**

3) **Personal Statement** (*500 - 1,000 words*):

Please address how you plan to use your medical degree to support your community in the near future.

4) **Verification of Citizenship:**

Acceptable proof of citizenship includes a scanned copy of **one** of the following:

- US birth certificate
- Current U.S. passport
- State driver's license

5) **CV or Resume**

6) **Two Letters of Recommendations** (sent directly to The Links, Incorporated at [health@linksinc.org](mailto:health@linksinc.org))

- One recommendation letter should be sent from a dean, faculty member, or chief administrative officer from your academic institution (on university letterhead).
- The second recommendation letter should be sent from a community leader or volunteer supervisor. If a community leader or volunteer supervisor is unavailable, a second letter from a dean, faculty member or school administrative officer is acceptable.

7) **Financial Documents**

Student Aid Report (SAR) from the U.S. Department of Education (if you received federal loans during undergraduate or graduate school)

Financial Aid Summary (*see form on page 4*)

**Application Timeline:**

**March 1 - April 5, 2018:** Application opens:

**April 5, 2018:** Applications with all supporting documents are due and must be submitted no later than **11:59 P.M. (ET)** to [health@linksinc.org](mailto:health@linksinc.org)

**April 20, 2018:** Awardees will be notified

*Awardees must attend The Links, Incorporated 41<sup>st</sup> National Assembly in Indianapolis, IN on Friday, **June 29, 2018** to receive the award. Airfare, one hotel night of lodging and ground transportation up to \$500 will be provided to attend the National Assembly Program Luncheon.*

## Links Medical Scholars Financial Aid Summary

**Instructions:** The Links Medical Scholars applicant is asked to forward this form to a Financial Aid Officer at her current medical school to complete. She agreed to the disclosure of the below information to accompany a scholarship application. Once completed, kindly submit this document to [health@linksinc.org](mailto:health@linksinc.org) by **Thursday, April 5, 2018 at 11:59 P.M. (ET)**.

**Applicant's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant's Anticipated Year of Graduation:** \_\_\_\_\_

*The award information requested below cannot be provided because:*

\_\_\_\_\_

Name of Financial Representative: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel.: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ ext.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

Please itemize the actual cost to be incurred by the student at your institution thus far:

	Award Years and Amounts of Assistance			
	Year: ____	Year: ____	Year: ____	Year: ____
<b>Grants, Loans, and Scholarships</b>				
<i>Example: Federal Stafford – Unsubsidized</i>				
<b>TOTAL GRANTS / SCHOLARSHIPS</b>				
<b>Expected Family Contribution</b>				
<b>Unmet Need</b>				

Student Budget	
Tuition:	\$ _____ Housing \$ _____
Fees:	\$ _____
<b>Total School Approved Budget</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>