

2022



Sharon D. Stepps Scholarship Application Packet

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2022 Sharon D. Stepps Scholarship

**Deadline for Submission:
Monday, October 31, 2022**

**Scholarship Recipients Notified:
Wednesday, November 16, 2022**

**Winners Publicly Announced:
Saturday, December 3, 2022 at the Sneaker Soiree**

Thank you for your interest in the Sharon D. Stepps Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship was established in 2021 by Kristopher Stepps, MD, CEO of Stepps2Inspire, Inc., to honor the life of his sister Sharon D. Stepps and to continue her legacy of excellence, generosity, and service.

The Sharon D. Stepps Memorial Scholarship is an annual, merit-based competition, that focuses on rewarding ambitious, driven, goal-oriented students with a background of consistent civic involvement or community service. This is a one-time award that will be given to five deserving high school graduating seniors.



These seniors must intend to pursue a course of study at either a two-year or four-year Historically Black College or University.

Sharon was an entrepreneur whose life and legacy was all about fostering community leadership, inspiring a spirit of innovation and entrepreneurship with grit and tenacity. Keeping Sharon's ideas in mind, the committee will focus on these traits in assisting five amazing leaders of the next generation attend college. Winners will be celebrated at the Annual Sneaker Soiree in Pine Bluff, Arkansas on Saturday, December 3, 2022.

Scholarship Criteria

AWARDS

Five, one time, scholarship awards are available in the amount of \$2,000 each. All scholarship awards will be paid directly to the recipients upon proof of college enrollment to a Historically Black College/University.

HOW TO APPLY

- Gather the information requested in the packet.
- Visit www.Stepps2Inspire.org to submit your application online.
- Submit your completed application, essays, transcript recommendation letters, and headshot online.

SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY

- Applicant must have residence status in Arkansas, and must be a permanent resident of the United States.
- Applicant must be a graduating high school senior at the time of application submission.
- Applicant must have a minimum unweighted GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- Applicant must demonstrate community involvement, academic excellence, and a desire to attend college.
- Applicants must complete and submit the complete application packet by Monday, October 31, 2022.
- Selected award recipients must attend the Sneaker Soiree Saturday, December 3, 2022



Application Checklist

Yes	No	Item
		Completed Application: All questions are answered in their entirety.
		Two (2) Letters of Recommendation
		Official high school transcript has been requested.
		Written Essay Completed
		Video Essay Completed
		Headshot: (No car selfies, no cluttered backgrounds etc. This photo will be published and presented at the Sneaker Soiree. Please provide a professional high-resolution photo of you)

REMEMBER!

- Remember, you will upload your completed application, essays, recommendation letters and headshots at www.Stepps2Inspire.org.
- Your guidance counselor will also upload your transcript online at www.Stepps2Inspire.org.

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Note: This is your application worksheet. The actual information will be manually entered with tin the online application.

LAST NAME _____ FIRST NAME _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY

STATE

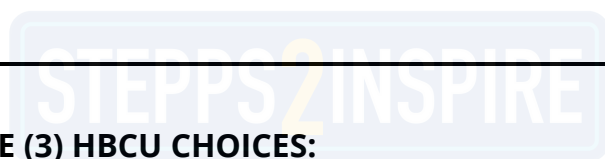
ZIP CODE

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____ CURRENT GRADE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

CURRENT HIGH SCHOOL _____ GPA _____

IF YOU HAVE DECIDED ON THE HBCU YOU WILL ATTEND, PLEASE LIST THE SCHOOL NAME:



IF NOT, LIST YOUR TOP THREE (3) HBCU CHOICES:

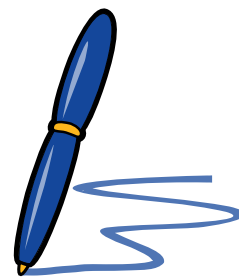
WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO MAJOR IN? _____

LIST YOUR HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC HONORS, AWARDS AND MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITIES

LIST YOUR COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES, HOBBIES, AND RELATED ACTIVITIES



Written Essay Submission



Use the prompts provided below as your **written** essays. Your responses for each essay question should be **between 300 and 500 words**. Be sure to save your essay responses as a Microsoft Word Document or PDF for submission with your application.

- Essay #1: Choose a HBCU attendee or graduate whose story has inspired you. That person could be a historical figure, someone famous, a role model, or someone you know. Explain how that individual has inspired you in life.
- Essay #2: Describe a personal accomplishment and the strengths and skills you used to achieve it.



Video Essay Submission



Using the prompt below, you will create a video response! We encourage you to tell your story with pride and to be as creative as possible! Your video will be uploaded with your application online. Videos should be no more than 1½ minutes in length. Video Upload details will be provided on the next page.

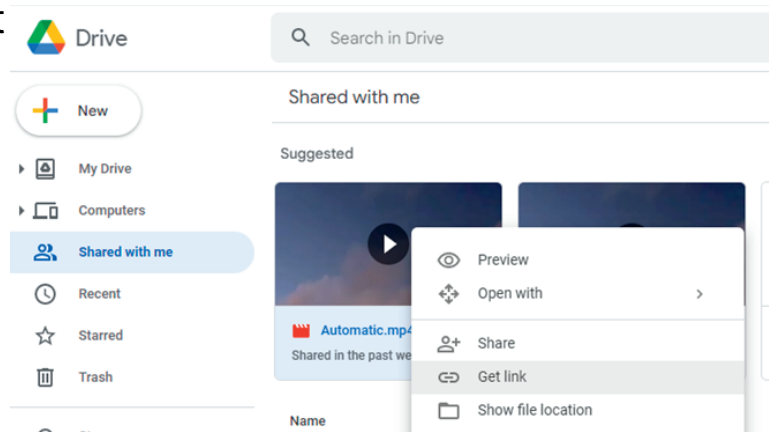
- Create a video discussing the impact you wish to make on society through your career goals and how your HBCU selection and major will be the vehicle to drive that impact to fruition.

Video Upload Directions

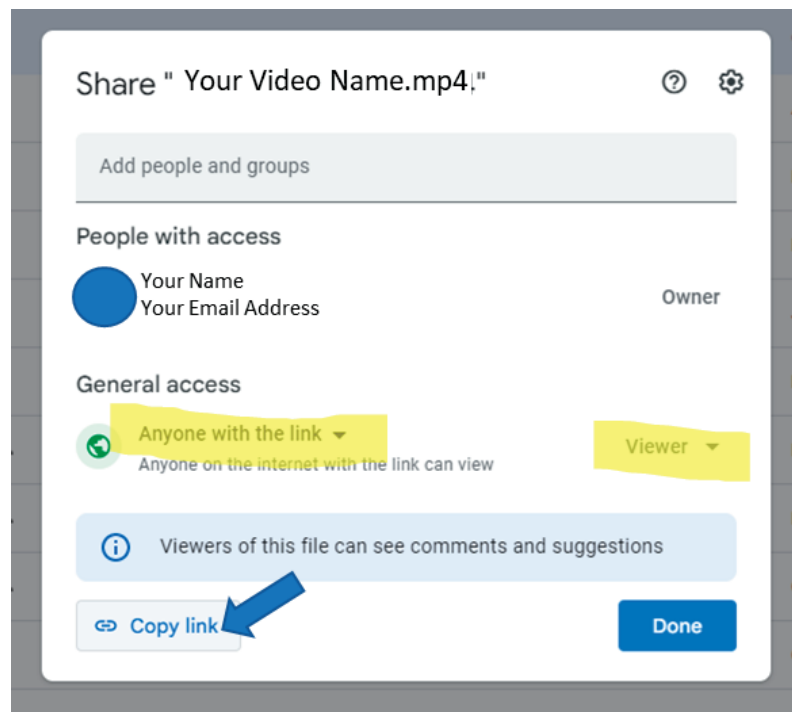
If you share a video with a user on Google Drive, they must have the appropriate permissions set up to watch or download it.

How to share a video link on Google Drive

1. Open Google Drive and ensure you're logged into your Google account.
2. Click the "+New" button on the left hand side and upload your video from your computer. If your video file is already uploaded to Google Drive, locate it in your Drive's file list.
3. Click on the video file once to highlight it.
4. Right-click on the file name to open a menu of options.
5. Click "Get Link"



6. In the pop-up window that appears, make sure that anyone with the link can view.
7. Copy the link and paste it with your application for video upload.





READY TO APPLY?

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QUESTIONS? LET'S CONNECT

If you have any questions, we are here to assist you. We can always be reached at SteppsMDScholars@gmail.com.

