Ann C. Cato Scholarship

Ann C. Cato played an integral part in the founding and organization of the Alameda Contra Costa Innovators, the interest group for the Alameda Contra Costa Chapter of The Links, Inc. Her untimely death occurred prior to the chartering of the Alameda Contra Costa Links, Inc. In her memory, the chapter established the Ann C. Cato Scholarship Fund, whereby a scholarship will be presented each year to a special education student, or to a student pursuing a teaching career in the field of special education.

Ann C. Cato was devoted to quality education for children with special needs. She worked for the Oakland Unified School District for 18 years, beginning as a teacher to deaf preschool children and later serving five years as Director of Programs for Exceptional Children. At the time of her death she had just accepted the position of Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services.

Scholarship Criteria

The Ann C. Cato scholarship is available to a deserving college or graduate special education student or a student interested in pursuing a teaching career in the field of special education. The Links, Inc. will award a scholarship based on the following criteria:

- Applicant must have at least a grade point average of 3.2
- Applicant must be of African-American decent
- Female (Preferred)
- Applicant must live in Alameda or Contra Costa County
- Applicant must demonstrate financial need

Application Process

Applicants must submit the following items:

- A one-page cover letter addressed to the Philanthropic Chairman of The Links, Inc.
- A one-page narrative of 500 words explaining his/her career goals, including a statement of how the scholarship will be used
- Completed Scholarship Application
- One letter of recommendation- submitted directly from letter writer to Philanthropic Chair
- High school and/or college transcripts
- A one-page Bio
Evaluation Process

The scholarship applications are evaluated according to the following criteria. Applications are not required to meet all six (6) of the defined conditions. However, the criteria serve as a guideline for the selection of qualified applicants.

1. Student’s Achievements
2. Essay
3. Completion of application process
4. Scholarship Criteria
5. Civil & Community Involvement
6. Bio

How to Apply

Submit the completed application with supporting material to jgarrick@mimscience.org or fax to (510) 225-2502. Applications are due no later than November 4, 2013. Interviews will occur in mid-November and awardees will be notified by November 30. Awardees are requested to attend the ACCL Holiday Luncheon on December 8, 2013 where they will receive the award.
Ann C. Cato
Scholarship Application

Name: ________________________________________________________________

Address: ______________________________________________________________

City: ___________________________ State: ___________ Zip: ________________

Telephone No.: ____________________________

School: ___________________________ Graduation Date: ________________ GPA: __

Date of Birth: ___________________________ Age: ________________

1. School you attend: ____________________________________________________

2. What is your intended major and/or intended professional goal?

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3. Have you received any financial assistance for the coming year? Yes ☐ No ☐
   If yes, please list the sponsor(s) and the amount(s):

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4. Annual Family Income (Gross):

   Less than $15,000 ☐ $15,001 to $30,000 ☐ $31,001 to $60,000 ☐ $60,000 and above ☐

   Do you live with:

   Mother Yes ☐ No ☐ Father Yes ☐ No ☐ Other __________________________ Number of Siblings________

Please complete this application along with other required documents and email to pgarrick@mimscience.org, or fax to (510) 225-2502. Applications must be received by November 4, 2013.