

# GREATER MILWAUKEE URBAN LEAGUE'S HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS AND LAPTOP APPLICATION



**Application Deadline:  
Tuesday, January 14, 2025 | 4:00 pm CST**

Thank you for your interest in submitting an application for the Greater Milwaukee Urban League's Greater Milwaukee Urban League's High School Graduate Scholarships and Laptop Application. We congratulate you on your decision to continue your education by attending college or serving in the military. Our goal is to invest financial resources to help support your journey.

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

**To be eligible for consideration for this award, an applicant must:**

1. Be a Milwaukee County college-bound high school senior, military service, or early graduating junior who will graduate in **May or June 2025**.
2. Show evidence (i.e., acceptance letter(s) for plans for full-time enrollment in a two or four-year college, the military, or a trade school.)
3. Be able to attend an exclusive award ceremony on Wednesday, June 11, 2025 at 6:00 pm and sign a media release form.
4. Applicants have an opportunity to receive a laptop, scholarship, or both a laptop and scholarship. Your overall score will determine which scholarship you are eligible for. Scores ranging from 2-4 a laptop, 5-7 a scholarship, and 8-10 both a laptop and scholarship.
5. Please note\* Priority will be given to students in each category who demonstrate financial need through eligibility for free or reduced lunch.

## AWARD TIMELINE

**The following are the key dates to adhere to:**

**\*Monday, October 11, 2024:** Applications available

**\*Tuesday, January 14, 2025:** Application deadline - 4:00 pm (this is a firm deadline; no exceptions).

\*Award notification via email and mail will be the week of **April 7, 2025 to April 11, 2025** (Make sure your email/phone number is current!)

\*Date and location of Award presentation to be announced.

**Please note: All awardees must be in attendance to receive their awards. Failure to attend the designated appointment time will result in forfeiture of the award.**

## SELECTION COMMITTEE AND PROCESS

Scholarships and Laptop Application Selection Committee will review all applications. The committee is comprised of local professionals including educators, businessmen and women, and individuals who are considered experts in their field. All members share a passion for the post-secondary success of youth in the community. Additionally, each committee member commits to equality and fairness in the review of applications and selecting finalists who best fit the Award criteria. Applicants with the highest scores and percentage in each category will be awarded a laptop, and/or scholarship. Decisions of the Award Committee are FINAL.

## REQUIRED APPLICATION MATERIALS CHECKLIST **Must Submit this form and all boxes must be checked.**

**Application Form:** All areas of the application form must be completed, signed and dated by applicant and their parent[s] or guardian[s], unless 18 years of age at the time of submittal.

**Essay:** Please select one of the following major issues to answer in a minimum of: 400 words Applicant's essay **must state essay question** as the title/ heading and be neatly typed in Arial or Times New Roman, 12 - point font, double-spaced, with applicant's name, contact information, high school, and word count in the top right corner of each page.

**Official Transcript:** All transcripts must include information on applicant's most recent available grade period. Please see individual categories for minimum grade point average requirements. Only transcripts that are stamped or embossed with the high school's official seal will be accepted.

**Recommendation Letters:** Two [2] signed letters of recommendation from a teacher or school staff person[s] or from community representatives [i.e., clergy, employer, youth group leader, etc.] who can attest to applicant's qualifications. **Letters written by family members or friends are not acceptable.** Please ensure that all letters of recommendation are addressed to Greater Milwaukee Urban League.

## EVALUATION CRITERIA BY SCORE

Scholarships and laptops will be evaluated by scores, timeliness, and completed application with proper documents. **Not having proper documents will automatically disqualify your application. All documents need to be uploaded using a PDF file.**

### A complete application includes:

A complete application with all lines filled in.

Official high school transcripts.

Two letters of recommendation specific to this scholarship.

College acceptance letter.

A completed essay with proper formatting.

## EVALUATION CRITERIA

### Applicants for the Greater Milwaukee Urban League's High School Graduate Scholarship(s) and Laptop Applications will be evaluated on the following criteria:

1. Submission of the full application with the checklist. - 10%
2. Recommendation Letters: Two [2] signed letters of recommendation from a teacher or school staff person(s) or from community representatives specifically for the GMUL Scholarship. - 20%
3. Official Transcript (if available) in a Sealed Envelope (if mailed): All transcripts must include information on applicant's most recent available grade period and reflect a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale. - 20%
4. Essay question: Clarity, grammar, punctuation, organization, depth of content and compassion displayed in the essay question -will account for the bulk of the scoring. - 50%

## PARTNERS

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\* I participated in the following (check all that apply):

- Project Ready Mentor
- Microsoft Certification
- Urban Youth Pathways
- Road Ready Youth Driver's Education
- GTE

# APPLICATION INFORMATION

please submit a copy of your senior photo along with this application.

## STUDENT INFORMATION *Please type or print clearly.*

First: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle: \_\_\_\_\_ Last: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Personal Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Ethnicity/Race *(optional)*: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Current High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Intended 2 yr. or 4 yr. College(s) or University(ies)/ Military: \_\_\_\_\_

Intended Major or Field of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you accepted enrollment to the above-named college(s) or university(ies)?  Yes  No

Will you be the first one in your family to attend college?  Yes  No

I attest that all statements and documents in **and** attached to this application are true and accurate. I understand that inaccurate and misrepresentation of any information, or the **inability** to show evidence of plans for full-time enrollment in a two-or four-year college program, the military, or a trades program will make me ineligible for the **Greater Milwaukee Urban League's High School Graduate Scholarships and Laptop Application.**

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

## PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION *Please type or print clearly. (Not needed if you are 18 years of age.)*

First and Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Best phone number to reach you: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Students enrolled in the above programs will be granted additional points.

# APPLICANT RELEASE FORM

I certify that all information I have provided to the Greater Milwaukee Urban League is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. **I give permission for Greater Milwaukee Urban League staff and Greater Milwaukee Urban League's High School Graduate Scholarship(s) and/or Laptop Application Selection Committee to contact my high school and/or college officials for additional academic information, and any other information related to this application, if necessary.** If selected to receive the Greater Milwaukee Urban League's High School Graduate Scholarships and Laptop Award, I give permission to share information contained in my application with appropriate award donors/sponsors, the Greater Milwaukee Urban League, and the National Urban League and its affiliates. I understand that I must be in attendance at the Greater Milwaukee Urban League's Exclusive awards ceremony event. **I understand that failure to attend this event will result in possible forfeiture of my award.**

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name (If Applicable) Please Print \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*All award winners will be required to sign a media Release Form.*

**To be eligible for consideration for the Greater Milwaukee Urban League's High School Graduate Scholarship(s) and Laptop Application applicants must complete and submit all required documents by 4:00 pm CST, Tuesday, January 14, 2025. Email as a Microsoft Word or PDF to: [Events@tmul.org](mailto:Events@tmul.org). OR mail to:**

**GREATER MILWAUKEE URBAN LEAGUE  
ATTN: EDUCATION DEPARTMENT  
435 WEST NORTH AVENUE MILWAUKEE, WI 53212**

For questions, email [Events@tmul.org](mailto:Events@tmul.org) or call La'Amecia Taylor at 414.374.5346.

All materials submitted with this application become the property of the Greater Milwaukee Urban League and will not be returned to applicants.

## Greater Milwaukee Urban League's High School Graduate Scholarship(s) and Laptop Application Question

The opportunity to be selected and participate in an institution of higher education is a privilege and honor that all students do not have, and allows you to:

- Promote a higher level of critical thinking skills
- Expand your national and global experiences
- Provide unique perspectives of people from various cultures and backgrounds
- Push your intellectual capabilities to impact or enrich not only your life, but others
- Broaden your perspective(s) on critical issues that will affect you in your future

Take a moment to reflect on the following issues facing your generation:

### Instructions:

**Note: Please make sure you choose "ONE" major issue that will affect you the most, and you must complete a minimum 400-word essay.**

Please make sure to add your own personal experience as well as research.

1. The United States of America has made history in nominating and electing the first African American Woman President, Kamala Harris. As perhaps a first-time voter, or future voter, what two or three critical issues affect you, as a young adult, do you want her to address, and be specific as to what and why these issues are so important to you or your family?
2. Homelessness- How would you improve homelessness locally or nationally?
3. How did your personal journey impact your decision for your future goals and aspirations?
4. How will the Greater Milwaukee Urban League Laptop and/or Scholarship Award make a difference for the success of your college or military service, and how important is this award overall in eliminating financial burden to you or your family? Be specific in your answer to both parts of the question.

**Answers must be a minimum of 400 words,** and be specific in your "why" and "how." (i.e., "Why" this is important to you, and "How" you would address it.)

Please, make sure you create a heading for your essay that includes your name, date, topic, and word count.

**\*If you have participated in any of the following youth programs with GMUL, such as Project Ready Mentor, Urban Youth Pathways, Graduate to Employment, Microsoft Certification, or Road Ready Youth Driver's Education, you will automatically qualify for a laptop.**

**\*\*Students who have received a laptop from another organization will not be considered for an additional laptop.**