

The Natalie Rose Puryear Young Community Leader Scholarship Program



Deadline: Friday, May 30, 2014
Fall 2014/Spring 2015 College Text Book and School Supplies Grant

IN MEMORY OF NATALIE ROSE PURYEAR 1949-2010

Natalie Rose Wilson Puryear was born on the West Side of Chicago, and soon became a very high-spirited, independent, and very outgoing youth who excelled academically, while participating in cheerleading, dance, music and other activities. After attending the University of Illinois at Chicago, Natalie began her career as a corporate buyer for a major multi-national corporation. Natalie excelled and moved up the ranks until she decided that she wanted to spend more quality time with her two sons. She then moved into the real estate industry working for Amico, Trico and others and also founded her own firm. Natalie discovered that she had a passion for home sales because she was able to increase pride in the community by personally increasing black home ownership.

Natalie Rose, cleverly named after her father Nathan Rosmond, shared many traits with him. Nathan and Natalie both had careers at Sears, both were passionate and hardworking individuals who always took care of their family and both gave back to their community. Natalie was a prominent figure who, in addition to her community-focused Real Estate initiatives, also became a vital member of many not-for-profit organizations in Chicago such as Africare, Jazz Unites, and Chicago Gospelfests. Natalie was a Charter Member of Lake Shore Chapter of The Links and contributed her financial and public relations expertise to support the Links' programs of service in the arts, youth, national and international communities. Natalie also showcased the art, architecture and music of South Shore by coordinating the annual "Celebrate South Shore" events.

For more than ten years, Natalie has been Vice President of Communications for the Black United Fund of Illinois (BUFI). One of Natalie's accomplishments at BUFI was her creation of the "Living Legends/Passing the Torch" Awards. This event annually honored Legendary African American men and women who not only had a major impact in the communities they served, but also cared enough to ensure they left a successor to keep their initiatives alive. Although Natalie awarded others, she actually was a real living legend to her two sons, her many nieces and nephews, and the South Side of Chicago.

2014-2015 NPCL Scholarship Program

The Natalie Puryear Community Leader (NPCL) scholarships are awarded to students in recognition of both academic excellence and community service. This memorial scholarship honors Chicago High School seniors who value public higher education and is offered through the generosity of Natalie Puryear and The Black United Fund of Illinois (BUFI). **This scholarship is nonrenewable.**

Award Amounts

Two (2) scholarships will be awarded for the Fall 2014-Spring 2015 school year. The sum of each award will equal Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1500) for the school year, to be distributed in two installments (\$750 per semester), directed towards textbook and material costs; however, the monies can be used by the recipient for whatever educational need that arises. The checks will be mailed to the recipients upon confirmation of Enrollment and Curriculum at the beginning of each semester. A form will be provided from BUFI for verification by the college or university of their enrollment each semester and should be mailed to the Black United Fund of Illinois (BUFI) at the address below. For curriculum confirmation, the recipients can either mail their class schedule to BUFI or email it to NPCL@yahoo.com.

Application Procedure

Complete the enclosed Scholarship Application with required attachments, and mail or drop off to:

Black United Fund of Illinois
Attn: NPCL Scholarship Committee
1809 E. 71st Street, Suite 200
Chicago, IL 60649

DEADLINE DATE: Friday, May 30, 2014, 5:00pm.

Evaluation of Applicants

Completed applications are reviewed and ranked by the NPCL Scholarship Committee based on the scored application, one letter of recommendation, transcript of grades, and community service documented in the application. Scholarships are then awarded by rank. Please note that competition for scholarships is based on the number of applicants and is rigorous.

Notification

Applicants will receive a scholarship award or non-award letter from the Scholarship Committee. Scholarship recipients may have the opportunity to meet the donors of the awards.

2014-2015 NPCL Scholarship Application

General Information (Responses must be typed or printed legibly)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone _____ Email address _____

Date of Birth _____ Gender _____

Education Information:

Name of High School _____

Date of Graduation _____ High School G.P.A. _____

College Information:

Name of College Student Will Be Attending _____

Intended Major _____

Community/Volunteer Service Information

Please provide as much information as possible regarding your volunteer service to your community, **including type(s) of service, place(s) of service and date(s) of service**. This is an important consideration for awarding scholarships.

Signature _____ **Date** _____

NPCL Scholarship
2014-2015 Application Essay & Biographical Profile
Form

Name of Applicant _____

Date _____

Application Essay

In 500 words (maximum) describe **What makes you a Leader in Your Community? What have you done to better your community?**

(You can also include your academic, career, and personal goals. Include any leadership, extracurricular, and VOLUNTEER activities that support your application).

Biographical Profile

In 250 words (maximum), please write your biographical profile using the following questions as a guide:

- How did you learn about the NPCL Scholarship?
- What are your reasons for wanting to obtain a college education?
- Why did you choose your college?
- Why did you choose your major?
- What is your career objective upon graduation from college?
- Who has had the most influence on your choice of career?
- Where do you see yourself ten years from now?
- Have you ever experienced any adversity in your life—either physical, personal, family, financial, or other?

Your essays must be labeled, typed on a separate piece of paper and attached to this form.

Application Checklist:: Did you remember to:

- _ Complete, sign, and date the NPCL Scholarship Application
- _ Complete a personal essay of 500 words as outlined in the application
- _ Complete a biographical profile of 250 words as outlined in the application
- _ Include a copy of your most recent transcript of your grades
- _ Include one letter of recommendation; **Must** be from a faculty member or teacher who knows you well (OR) from someone who is familiar with you from a job, volunteer assignment, or community project you have undertaken.

Recommendations from family members will **not** be accepted.

NPCL scholarships are nonrenewable and are for entering freshmen only.