

**Ida Ballard Simon  
2019 Book Scholarship Application**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Parents or Guardians: \_\_\_\_\_

**Section 1: Financial Need**

What is the total number of persons living in the household (including yourself)? \_\_\_\_\_

Parents/Guardian household income:

\_\_\_ less than \$20,000 \_\_\_ \$20,000-\$40,000 \_\_\_ \$40,000-\$60,000 \_\_\_ greater than \$60,000

How many people living in your household are currently in college? \_\_\_\_\_

List any scholarships and/or financial aid commitments that you have received:

**Section 2: Academic Achievement - Will be determined from required official transcript.**

**Section 3: SCHOOL ACTIVITIES & HONORS**

List your membership in high school organizations and clubs:

Clubs or Organizations	Number of Years Involved	Offices Held

List high school honors, awards & recognitions:

Honor/Distinction	Year Awarded	Explain the basis for the award

**Section 4: Community Involvement (Do not duplicate School Activities if listed above.)**

List your community involvement activities

Clubs or Organizations	Years Involved	Offices Held

List the HBCUs or technical schools to which you have applied. Please indicate the ones to which you have been accepted.

HBCU/Technical School	City/State	Accepted?
_____	_____	Yes No
_____	_____	Yes No
_____	_____	Yes No
_____	_____	Yes No

If yes, please provide acceptance letter.

What is your anticipated major? \_\_\_\_\_

What are your current goals? \_\_\_\_\_

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## Scholarship Policies and Procedures

1. All applicants **MUST** be 2019 graduating seniors from a public school within the City of Memphis.
  2. Applicants **MUST** receive a high school diploma during the 2018 - 2019 school year and have proof of acceptance and enrollment to a HBCU (Historically Black College or University) or technical school for the upcoming 2019 - 2020 school year.
  3. Applications must be submitted by the published deadline with a postmark date **April 13, 2019**.
  4. Applications should be mailed to:  
Ida Ballard-Simon Book Scholarship 2019  
P.O. Box 770113  
Memphis, TN 38177
  5. Priority will be given to applications that are submitted and received by the deadline date.
  6. Applications will be considered complete when ALL of the following required information is received:
    - a. Letter of recommendation from a teacher.
    - b. Letter of recommendation from a non-relative.
    - c. An Official Transcript which includes the cumulative grade point average, class rank and class size (if not available, ask guidance counselor for percent ranking in class).
    - d. ACT and/or SAT score
    - e. Completed application with essays (required Essay Topics are referenced on page 4 of this document)
    - f. Attached graduation photo
    - g. Acceptance letter from HBCU or technical school
- NOTICE: *If any of the aforementioned supporting documents are not received by the published deadline, the application WILL NOT be given priority status with respect to the distribution of scholarship awards.*
7. Each applicant is **REQUIRED** to participate in an interview with the book scholarship selection committee.
  8. Each applicant is **RESPONSIBLE** for contacting Scholarship Committee Coordinator – Linda Peete at 901-604-5645, to arrange an interview time. Tentative interview dates will be scheduled for **April 22 – 24, 2019**.
  9. Failure to schedule **AND** attend the scholarship interview will result in a **LATE** and **INCOMPLETE** application. No written or verbal confirmation will be provided for the interview.
  10. All information submitted on the attached application will be considered confidential and will not be used for any purpose other than to determine scholarship awards.

11. All information received shall become the property of the Scholarship Committee.

Scholarship awards are final, non-repeating and non-transferable. Awards not collected will not transfer to the next calendar semester or year.

**Essay**

- Please choose two of the following topics as your Essay Topic(s)
- Please limit each essay to one (1) type written page, size 12 Font

1. Discuss what has your greatest accomplishment. What obstacles have you overcame to achieve this accomplishment?
2. What has been your greatest challenge as a young person? How did you handle the challenge?
3. Share three (3) specific ways your school experience has helped you to prepare for college.
4. Why I Should Consider the Impact of Social Media to My Future?  
(e.g., online presence, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc).
5. What are your professional / long time goals?
6. Discuss your thoughts on why Employability skills are necessary.
7. Discuss your thoughts about revamping the immigration system.
8. Discuss your thoughts regarding the recent US Federal Government Shutdown(s).
9. Discuss your thoughts about healthcare reform.
10. Discuss your thoughts about National Football League Boycotting.

**Verify that the information in this application is accurate and true by signing below.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Scholarship Applicant      Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian      Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Scholarship Coordinator      Date

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Guidance Counselor