

# Ida Ballard Simon 2020 Book Scholarship Application

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

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

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

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

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

**Section 1: Financial Need**

Total number of people living in the household (including yourself)? \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of people living in your household are currently in college? \_\_\_\_\_

Parents / Guardian household income:

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

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

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)

NOTE: if more than 3, attach a separate page to your application

**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 2020 graduating seniors from a public school within the City of Memphis.
  2. Applicants MUST receive a high school diploma during the 2019 - 2020 school year and have proof of acceptance and enrollment to any College, University or technical school for the upcoming 2020 - 2021 school year.
  3. Applications must be submitted by the published deadline with a postmark date **May 10, 2020**.
  4. Applications should be mailed to:  
Ida Ballard-Simon Book Scholarship 2020  
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 the committee at 901-604-5645, to arrange an interview time. Tentative interview dates will be scheduled for **May 11 - 14, 2020**.
  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. Any 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
- Please limit your response to one full page (type written page – Font: Size 12)

1. Describe your greatest accomplishment and obstacles that you overcame to achieve this accomplishment?
2. Describe your thoughts on:  
How the coronavirus spread is being handled by the United States vs.  
How the coronavirus spread could be handled (in your opinion) by the United States
3. Describe what you know about:  
Establishing Credit at an early age and the impact that “good credit” vs. “bad credit” may have on your future.

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

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

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Guidance Counselor