

FREDERICK DOUGLASS RENEWAL SCHOLARSHIP

Administered by The Erie Community Foundation, based on recommendations of an Advisory Committee comprising of the donors + a member selected by the donors + a certified teacher and an administrator nominated by the Superintendent of the City of Erie Public School District.

WHO WAS FREDERICK DOUGLASS?

Frederick Douglass was a self-educated man, born a slave in Maryland in 1817. In his youth he worked as a household servant, a plantation field hand, and a shipyard apprentice, before escaping to the north in 1838. While working in the shipyards of New Bedford, MA, Mr. Douglass began speaking out for abolition and social reform. After English friends purchased his freedom in 1847, he moved to Rochester, New York, where he co-founded an anti-slavery newspaper. After the Civil War, Douglass was appointed to several government posts in Washington, DC, and he later served as American Minister to Haiti. He died in 1895.

Frederick Douglass was a person disadvantaged by birth who combined native intelligence and can-do attitude to fulfill his potential in spite of overwhelming obstacles.

The **Frederick Douglass Scholarship** was established to help African American youth in the City of Erie obtain a college education needed for productive (and living wage) adult careers, thus following the example that Frederick Douglass set of fulfilling their potential.

WHAT ARE THE SCHOLARSHIP GOALS?

- Help qualified African American students attending the City of Erie public schools with the costs of college education
- Be an incentive for African American underclass students to get serious about academic achievement in their remaining years of school

CRITERIA FOR RENEWING YOUR SCHOLARSHIP:

1. **Written application for scholarship renewal**, completed and submitted by specified deadline (copy of application form attached);
2. **Enrolled full-time** and **in good standing** in an accredited college or university;
3. **Encourage academic achievement of other Erie African American youth.** Students who are awarded a Frederick Douglass Scholarship and wish to renew, **must** speak to an assembly, class or similar gathering of public elementary school students in Erie. **A copy of the typed text of applicant's presentation must accompany the renewal application**, along with the date and place of the presentation and include the signature of the teacher in charge. **This is not optional and must be done prior to renewal application.**
4. **An interview** may be requested by the Committee.

Note: Copy of official transcript of grades for the latest full year of college enrollment must be furnished before any scholarship funds are released to any student whose renewal application has been approved.

Awards of scholarship renewals are not guaranteed.

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GUIDELINES

1. In 2024, several one-year scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors, and previous scholarship recipients will be eligible to apply for renewals.
2. Each new scholarship will be range of \$2,000 to \$3,000; renewals will be \$500. The Frederick Douglass Scholarship Fund principle will be used in addition to interest.
3. The awards will be made by the Foundation's board, based on recommendations of the Advisory Committee.
4. Students who have been awarded a Frederick Douglass Scholarship who wish to renew it **must** make arrangements to speak to an assembly class or similar gathering of public elementary school students in Erie, see the Scholarship Renewal form for details. It is the student's responsibility to comply with this renewal requirement.
5. Renewal scholarship applicants must submit the following **required** documents:
 - **Application**
 - **Transcript of grades**
 - **Summary of presentation** given to public school elementary students and signed by teacher in charge
6. **Deadline of submitting renewal scholarship application - March 1, 2024.** Mail or deliver to:

Frederick Douglass Scholarship Fund
The Erie Community Foundation
459 West 6th Street
Erie, PA 16507
7. An interview is not required for renewal applicants.

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Mail or delivery completed application, with required enclosures, to: Frederick Douglass Scholarship Fund, The Erie Community Foundation, 459 West 6th Street, Erie, PA 16507.

Deadline: March 1, 2024

PLEASE PRINT

A. APPLICANT DATA

- 1. Student's Name: _____ Phone: _____
- 2. Date of Birth: _____ Social Security Number: _____
- 3. Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
- 4. E-mail address: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Name of school you are attending: _____ Graduation Date: _____

Year you are completing: _____ (Enclose or forward a copy of your transcript)

What is your major? _____

List awards, student offices held, and extra-curricular activities: _____

As a college student, what have you done to encourage academic achievement of other African American youth in **Erie**? (Include date(s) or place(s), along with a typed copy of your presentation **signed** by the teacher or administrator in charge.)

THIS IS A REQUIRED ACTIVITY.

B. FAMILY DATA

1. Name (s) of parent(s) or guardian: _____

2. Address: _____ Phone: _____

C. FINANCIAL DATA

1. Student's place of employment, if any: _____

2. Parent(s)/Guardian place of employment: _____

3. Annual Income (Parents) \$ _____ (Self) \$ _____

4. Other sources of income, if any: _____

5. List other scholarships/grants awarded (include amounts): _____

Notes:

- Copy of official transcript of grades for the latest full year of college enrollment must be furnished before any scholarship funds are released to any student whose renewal application has been approved.
- Students who achieve GPAs of 2.5 or better will have the best chance of having their scholarships renewed.

D. SIGNATURE

Student: _____

Date: _____