



## **Dr. Reatha P. Polk Scholarship**



## **Application**

## General Application Instructions

- Ensure that your application is legible and complete – illegible or incomplete applications will not be considered
- Make certain that official transcripts and recommendation letters are in sealed envelopes
- Strictly adhere to the deadline (applications must be postmarked by Saturday, March 21, 2015)
- Parent/guardian and student – please sign the application
- Mail completed application to:  
**Ebony Scholarship Society, Inc.**  
**Attention: Dr. Reatha P. Polk Scholarship**  
**Post Office Box 1031**  
**Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20773**

## Terms of Scholarship Award

- The minimum required high school cumulative GPA is 2.50
- The minimum required test scores are:
  - o SAT combined score of 1400 (math/reading/writing)
  - o Composite ACT score of 18 (math/reading) and ACT English or writing score of at least 18
- The most qualified applicants will be interviewed in April 2015
- Winners will be notified no later than April 30, 2015
- Preference will be given to those who live in the following Washington, DC area counties and cities:  
Washington, DC  
Maryland – Prince George’s, Montgomery, Howard, and Anne Arundel Counties  
Virginia – Arlington and Fairfax Counties, and the Cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, and Falls Church
- Scholarships will be awarded to qualified students who graduate from a U.S. high school in 2015 and provide proof of enrollment in a U.S. postsecondary school beginning in Fall 2015
- Money will be awarded in the Fall 2015 and Spring 2016 semesters (award will be divided into equal payments)
- Money will only be given to the school and applied to eligible educational expenses
  - o Eligible educational expenses include the student’s outstanding balance for tuition, school-provided room & board, books, and student fees.

If you have any questions, please contact the scholarship chairperson, Artisha R. Polk, at **essinc1982@gmail.com**.

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## Ebony Scholarship Society, Incorporated

*established 1982*

How did you learn about this scholarship? Check all that apply.

A member of this organization \_\_\_\_\_ Counselor \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Parent \_\_\_\_\_ Social media \_\_\_\_\_  
Newspaper \_\_\_\_\_ (specify: \_\_\_\_\_) Website ☐ (specify: \_\_\_\_\_)  
Church ☐ (specify: \_\_\_\_\_) Other \_\_\_\_\_ (specify: \_\_\_\_\_)

### Demographics

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

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street, Apt. # City, State Zip Code

Telephone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_ (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (mobile)

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

Parent's or guardian's full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's/guardian's telephone number(s): \_\_\_\_\_ (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (mobile)

Parent's/guardian's email address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Academic Information

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

High school cumulative GPA (through 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, 12<sup>th</sup> grade): \_\_\_\_\_

**(please also provide an official transcript in a sealed envelope)**

SAT or ACT scores: Math \_\_\_\_\_ Reading \_\_\_\_\_ Writing/English \_\_\_\_\_

**(please also provide an unofficial copy of your SAT or ACT score report)**

## High School Activities and Honors

*continue on separate sheets, if needed  
attach appropriate documentation*

Leadership (include dates)

Honors and awards (include dates)

Extracurricular activities (include dates)

Work experience (paid and unpaid, include dates)

### Narratives

*type your responses on separate sheets and attach both to the application  
use 12-point font, Times New Roman, double-spaced paragraphs*

1. In 250 words or fewer, please tell us why we should award this scholarship to you.
2. Essay question - **What was the most difficult time in your life and why? How did your perspective on life change as a result of the difficulty? How did you recover from it?**

*Please limit your essay to 1,000 words.*

### Supplemental Information

1. Recommendation letters

Submit two recommendation letters (1. from academia – e.g., teacher or counselor; 2. from the community – e.g., religious or community leader)

*letters may not be from a relative*

*letters must be on letterhead, signed and sealed in an envelope by the recommender*

2. Please attach your resume
3. Please attach your photo

By signing below, I certify that the contents of my application are complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. If awarded a scholarship, I understand and accept the Ebony Scholarship Society, Inc. scholarship award terms, as stated in this application.

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Student's Printed Name

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Student's Signature

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Date

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Parent's/Guardian's Printed Name

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Parent's/Guardian's Signature

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Date

*The Ebony Scholarship Society, Incorporated is a 501 (c)(3) organization established in the Washington, DC Metropolitan Area. Founded in 1982 by Dr. Reatha P. Polk, this organization has awarded a total of more than \$300,000 to high school students for the advancement of their education.*