**The Waterbury (CT) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated**

The Links, Incorporated is one of the oldest and largest volunteer service organizations in the nation. It is an international organization of 285 chapters in 41 states with members from the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of the Bahamas. Their membership of nearly 14,000 professional women of color is committed to enriching, sustaining and ensuring the culture and economic survival of its community through their five facets of service entities. They are extraordinary women who are newsmakers, role models, mentors, activists and volunteers who work tirelessly toward the realization of making the name ‘Links’ representative of a chain of friendship and of purposeful service.

The Waterbury (CT) Chapter is one of the 285 chapters that has demonstrated outstanding volunteer service in the Waterbury community. Through the chapter’s fundraising efforts, the Waterbury (CT) Chapter has continuously provided a substantial amount of scholarships to graduating high school seniors each year. The Waterbury (CT) Chapter invites you to apply to become one of the 2018 recipients of its annual Memorial Book Award.

***The Memorial Book Award is in the amount of $1000, which must be applied towards books, fees, supplies and/or equipment for educational purposes.***

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**2018 MEMORIAL BOOK AWARD APPLICATION**

**Eligibility Requirements**

* Candidate must be of African American descent
* Candidate must be enrolled in one of the Waterbury public schools, independent/parochial or technical high schools.
* Candidate must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a scale of 4.0
* Candidate must be accepted into an accredited college or university
* Candidate must not be a relative of a member of The Links, Incorporated

**Application Requirements**

* A **completed** application
* A letter of acceptance from a college or university
* A letter of recommendation from a teacher or guidance counselor **and** a community member who is able to speak to your involvement in community service
* An official transcript in a sealed envelope
* A 300 word typed essay as described on the application
* Available to attend luncheon and formally receive award on April 14, 2018
* Application **postmarked no later than March 3, 2018**
* For questions contact Aresta L Johnson @ 203.510.6560
* Applications should be mailed to the following address:

**Waterbury (CT) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated**

**Attention: Scholarship Committee**

**P.O. Box 2776**

**Waterbury, Connecticut, 06723-2776**

*http://waterburyctlinks.wix.com/waterbury*

**STUDENT INFORMATION**

**Memorial Book Award Application**

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Current High School: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name four colleges/universities to which you have applied:

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Have you been accepted to any college or university? Yes\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

If yes, list the name(s) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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List your anticipated major. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Share your career goals and aspirations?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What is your highest degree that you plan to obtain?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**ESSAY: Submit a 300 word type-written essay response to the following prompt:**

***How have you served your community and why do you believe you should be recipient of the Waterbury (CT) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated 2018 Memorial Book Award?***

**PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION**

Parent(s) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**STUDENT’S EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

**Name of Organization Dates of Service Position/Responsibility**

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**STUDENT’S COMMUNITY SERVICE**

**Name of Organization Dates of Service Activity/Event**

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**STUDENT’S HONORS/AWARDS**

**Title/Description Grantor(s)**

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Are there any unusual financial circumstances in the family? If so, please explain on a separate sheet of paper.

**Scoring Rubric**

**Academic Qualification**

5 points for: 3.5 – 4.0 gpa

3 points for: 3.0 – 3.49 gpa

**Supporting Documentation (Letters of Recommendation/Transcript)**

4 – All supporting documentation received

3 – Two letters of recommendation

2 – One letter of recommendation

1 – Transcript

**Extracurricular Activities**

3 - Involved in three or more extracurricular activities

2 – Involved in two extracurricular activities

1 – Involved in one extracurricular activity

0 – No extracurricular involvement

**Community Service**

3 – Service with two organizations, including 2 or more years of continuous service

2 – Service with one organization, with 2 or more years of continuous service

1 – Service with one organization, with less than 2 years of continuous service

0 – No community service involvement

**Essay**

4 - Body of the essay includes a response to *“Why do you believe you should be the recipient of the Memorial Award?”*

3 – Body of the essay includes a response to *“How have you served your community?”*

2 – Introductory/closing paragraph is included

1 - Essay is less than 300 words and contains grammatical errors

0 – Essay has been omitted