



Scholarship Application

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Developing Leaders in Society Through the Arts.

Epitome of Soul is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that aims to create a platform in performing arts celebrating all varieties of music, dance, drama, theater and creative writing with the sole purpose of enriching the cultural dynamics of New Jersey school communities. Our primary initiative is to help elementary and high school students grow as leaders in society through the arts.

Mission

Epitome of Soul, Inc. partners with community organizations to equip, empower, and encourage elementary and high school students to strive for academic excellence and cultural growth through the arts.

Each year, Epitome of Soul offers two scholarships to two deserving high school seniors. The Epitome of Soul Scholarship and Keys of Success Scholarship for Performing Arts Students were created to support and encourage diligent students who have studied and have a growing interest in the arts. The ideal candidate for either scholarship award is a high school senior who meets the following requirements:

- Has demonstrated leadership ability through participation in community service and/or co-curricular activities
- Is a U.S. citizens or permanent resident
- Minimum of 20 hours of community service
- Has maintained a minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale
- Has received an acceptance letter from their intended college or university of study

Scholarship Award Process

- Final candidates will be selected six to eight weeks after the application deadline
- Scholarship recipients will be honored and must attend the Annual Epitome of Soul Holiday Gala held in December to receive their scholarship award. (If you are unable to attend, please notify the Scholarship committee)
- Scholarship monies will be awarded to students pending the following:
 1. Epitome of Soul receives an official copy of student's semester grades within 90 days of the completion of the semester
 2. Proof of enrollment for the fall semester
 3. A cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better was obtained. If a 3.0 GPA was not obtained, please contact the Scholarship Committee at info@epitomeofsoul.org. Additional information may be required to apply
 4. The number of awards given and the award amount may vary. Scholarships awards are for a maximum of \$1,000 USD
 5. **Please return this entire application, completed and postmarked by June 1, 2017 to the address below:**

Address: Epitome of Soul, Inc. 38 East Ridgewood Avenue #255 Ridgewood, NJ	Contact Information: Synita Butler-Hatcher Phone: 201-639-4543 synita@epitomeofsoul.org
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Contact Information

Full Name:	
Permanent Address:	
City:	State:
Zip code:	
Email address:	
Phone number:	
Birthday: __ __ / __ __ / __ __ __ __	

Please circle the answers to the following questions:

- Are you a child of a veteran?.....YES/NO
- Are you a child of a disabled veteran?.....YES/NO
- Does your household qualify as low-income by HUD definitions?.....YES/NO
- Did you file your FAFSA?.....YES/NO

Family Information

Mother/Guardian's Full Name:	
Permanent Address:	
City:	State:
Citizenship:	
Place of Employment:	

Family Information continued

Father/Guardian's Full Name:	
Permanent Address:	
City:	State:
Citizenship:	
Place of Employment:	

Education

College or University Name: Rank in order of attending preference	Accepted: Answer Y or N	Intended Field of Study

Referral: (Give name and phone number of person who referred you to the Epitome of Soul Scholarship)

High School: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Education continued

High School GPA:			out of	
High School Class Rank:			out of	
Circle One:	YES	NO	An official copy of my high school transcript is included with my application.	
If no, an UNOFFICIAL copy must be sent with the application. An official copy must be sent to the scholarship committee if you are selected as a scholarship finalist.				

Achievement: Test Scores and Curriculum indicate highest scores and date taken

	Math	Verbal	Written	Total	Date Taken
SAT:					
ACT:					

Honors, A/P, C/P or specialized courses taken: _____

Honors and Awards: _____

Community Activities: _____

List other Scholarship Requests: _____

Application Submission Requirement Checklist

Proof of enrollment and/or admission letters to attend an accredited 2 or 4-year college or university. Please forward a copy of the **admission and financial award letters** sent by the school.

Financial award letters from college or university you have chosen to attend or from all institutions you are considering attending.

An official high school transcript (includes school seal or authorized signature on transcript in a **sealed envelope**.)

Complete essay portion of application:

Answer the following short answer questions in two or three paragraphs-

- What impact do you think the arts has on social entrepreneurship?
- Where do you see yourself in the next 10 years? Would you attribute your growth to your arts education?

or Answer (1) of the following essay questions (500 word minimum)-

- What does the following quote by Pablo Picasso mean to you?
“Art washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life.” How will your educational pursuits in music and/or the arts impact your everyday life.
- The arts can contribute greatly to the development and leadership qualities of a student. Describe how you have demonstrated leadership ability both in and out of school.

Signed total community service hours form

Include any other supporting information you want the committee to consider (i.e.: resume, letters of recommendation, copies of award certificates etc.)

Community Service Hours Form

Organization Name	Role in Organization	# of Community service hours completed	Facilitator/Program Director's Signature

Total hours of community service completed _____

High School Advisor/ Administrator's signature _____