

## A Scholarship Note From

**Dr. Brenda Sanders Dédé, Chairperson  
PBCOHE, Inc. Scholarship Committee**

The Pennsylvania Black Conference on Higher Education, Inc. will award seven(7) \$1000 scholarships to the most talented (6) undergraduate and (1) graduate African American and other underrepresented students (persons of color) in the Commonwealth. We invite you to share the enclosed application with your students.\* **All completed applications are to be submitted to the address on the application on or before Friday, January 17, 2020. (Electronic applications will be accepted)**

If any of the prospective applicants have questions, they are encouraged to contact me at their earliest convenience via e-mail at [bsdede48@gmail.com](mailto:bsdede48@gmail.com). Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

**\*First semester freshmen students are NOT eligible to apply.**

The Pennsylvania Black Conference on Higher Education will award seven \$1000 scholarships at its 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference at the Sheraton Pittsburgh Hotel at Station Square, 300 West Station Square Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15219 from March 26 – 28, 2020. **SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS MUST BE IN ATTENDANCE AT THE ANNUAL AWARDS LUNCHEON WHICH WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2020 TO RECEIVE THEIR SCHOLARSHIP.** The following scholarships and their respective criteria are herein listed:

### List of PBCOHE Scholarships

**The K. Leroy Irvis Undergraduate Scholarship (3).** Three of these \$1000 scholarships will be awarded in each of the regions (Eastern, Central, Western) in Pennsylvania to undergraduate students who meet these criteria:

- Outstanding Scholarship
- Extracurricular activity participation
- Leadership qualities
- Interpersonal qualities as alluded to by the student's references
- Essay in no more than **five typewritten, double-spaced pages** on **“Why I Should Receive a K. Leroy Irvis Scholarship”**
- 3.0 or above grade point average.
- Brief bio sketch and photograph for program booklet

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**The W. Terrell Jones Educational Equity Scholarship (1).** ALL of the criteria listed under the K. Leroy Irvis Scholarship category and:

- Evidence of work and/or volunteer service in the area of educational equity
- Essay in no more than **five typewritten, double-spaced pages** on “**Why I Should Receive the W. Terrell Jones Educational Equity Scholarship**”

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**The John S. Shropshire Graduate Scholarship (1).** ALL of the criteria listed under the K. Leroy Irvis Scholarship category and:

- Earned six graduate hours of study. (minimum)
- Essay in no more than **five typewritten, double-spaced pages** on “**Why I Should Receive a John S. Shropshire Graduate Scholarship**”

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**The Robert D. Lynch Leadership Scholarship (1).** ALL of the criteria listed under the K. Leroy Irvis Scholarship category with special emphasis on the student’s leadership skills and academic record, and:

- Must have attended the Robert D. Lynch Student Leadership Development Institute (SLDI).
- Essay in no more than **five typewritten, double-spaced pages** on “**Why I Should Receive the Robert D. Lynch Leadership Scholarship**”

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**The Esther-Jafari Haymon Student Scholarship (1).** The successful recipient of this scholarship must meet the following criteria:

- Valid registration at a college or university in Pennsylvania **with a demonstrated financial need**
- **Grade Point Average 2.0 and above**
- Be at least in sophomore year of matriculation
- Student must demonstrate leadership skills and participation in co-curricular activities.
- Three letters of recommendation are required. One of the three letters of recommendation **MUST** come from your **Financial Aid Office stipulating your need**
- Essay in no more than **five typewritten, double-spaced pages** on “**Why I Should Receive the Esther-Jafari Haymon Student Scholarship.**”
- Brief bio sketch and photograph for program booklet

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Please place a check beside the scholarship for which you are applying.

K. Leroy Irvis Undergraduate Scholarship (3) – 1 per region.  
 Western Region (1)  
 Central Region (1)  
 Eastern Region (1)

The W. Terrell Jones Educational Equity Scholarship (1)

The John S. Shropshire Graduate Scholarship (1)

The Robert D. Lynch Leadership Scholarship (1)

The Esther-Jafari Haymon Student Scholarship (1)

This application should be accompanied by (*application will be considered incomplete without all of the following*):

Pages 1 and 2 of the Scholarship Application

ESSAY not to exceed **five typewritten, double-spaced pages** on "Why I Should Receive a (name of scholarship) PBCOHE Scholarship Award."

OFFICIAL college transcript (*mailed in sealed envelope from your school Registrar's Office*)

THREE letters of recommendation. One letter **must** come from a college professor, but may also come from a counselor and/or any professional person who will discuss the candidate in relation to the following criteria: 1) Scholarship; 2) Interpersonal Skills; 3) Leadership; 4) Writing, speaking, computational skills; and 5) Any other observations about the candidate which may assist the Scholarship Committee in their evaluation of the candidate, and a brief bio sketch and photograph.

A brief bio sketch and photograph (for the scholarship publication)

First semester freshman are NOT eligible to apply.

**Personal Background Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number and Street

City State Zip Code

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

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

Social Security#: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Please check: U.S. Citizen \_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_No Veteran \_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_No

Marital Status: \_\_\_\_Single \_\_\_\_Married \_\_\_\_Separated \_\_\_\_Divorced \_\_\_\_Widowed

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**Educational Information:**

Full Name of Institution You are Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Box #, Dorm

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

Institution's Region in Pennsylvania:    \_\_\_ Eastern           \_\_\_ Central           \_\_\_ Western

Please check present academic classification:

\_\_\_ Sophomore   \_\_\_ Junior   \_\_\_ Senior   \_\_\_ Graduate

County of Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Major Course of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

Minor: \_\_\_\_\_

Campus Telephone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Return To:**

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Clarion, PA 16214

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**Applications should be submitted on or before January 17, 2020**

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**NO APPLICATION WILL BE CONSIDERED COMPLETE UNLESS  
AN OFFICIAL UPDATED TRANSCRIPT, ESSAY AND  
THREE LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATIONS ARE ENCLOSED.**

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