



SEARK College Rising Up Scholarship Application

Attention New and/or Transfer Students: If you are applying as a first-time freshman, you must have a completed admission application on file with SEARK College. A completed application should include: immunization record, an official copy of high school transcript or GED test scores, and placement test scores (ACT, SAT, or *Accuplacer). Transfer students should submit official college transcripts from all colleges attended.

Rising Up Applicants: This scholarship will be awarded to students based on financial need. To receive the strongest consideration, students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) application at www.fafsa.gov. The SEARK financial aid school code is 014893. A limited number of awards are available for students who do not demonstrate a financial need.

Additional Information: Students who are awarded this scholarship will receive a \$500 credit toward their student account. This credit will be used to reduce the total cost of tuition and fees. Students who meet GPA requirements will be eligible to receive this scholarship in the Spring, Summer, & Fall 2022 semesters.

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

SEARK ID (if current student): _____

High School Name: _____

H.S. Graduation Date: _____

Will you be a **Returning** or **New Student** in the upcoming semester? (Please check one) GPA: _____

Qualifying Degree/Certificate/Course (see instructions next page):

Will you be a full-time or part-time student in the upcoming semester: _____

_____ Full time (enrolled in 12 hours or more)

_____ Part time (enrolled in 11 hours or less)

Do you identify as Black/African-American? yes no

Did you complete the FAFSA? yes no

Do you have at least a 2.75 GPA? (high school or college) yes no

- If you have less than a 2.75 high school or college GPA, please submit one letter of recommendation.

Did you receive a GED from SEARK's Adult Basic Education Program? yes no

Are you willing to share your story with the scholarship donor? yes no

Are you currently or do you plan to seek employment in the SEARK Service Area? yes no

Directions and Additional Information for Rising Up Applicants:

- This scholarship program is intended primarily for Black/African American students; however, a limited number of awards will be made to students from other racial backgrounds.
- This award is intended primarily for students who demonstrate an extraordinary financial need; however, a limited number of awards are available for students who do not have this need.
- Students enrolled in the following programs are eligible for this award: Cybersecurity, Commercial Driver's License (CDL), Welding, HVAC, Computer Information Systems and Business Analytics, Nursing and Allied Health (NAH) and Associate of Arts in Teaching (AAT), and/or:
- Students enrolled in the following courses are eligible for this award: Introduction to Construction and Building Trades, Politics of Race, African American Literature, Introduction to Critical Thinking, and Foundations of Leadership.
- Students who maintain a minimum 2.75 GPA **and** enroll in a qualifying program/course (as listed above) are eligible to receive a \$500 scholarship for each 2022 semester (Spring 2022, Summer 2022, Fall 2022) for a potential total award of \$1500.
 - ❖ Awards are not guaranteed and are awarded on a funds available basis. Limits may exist when receiving multiple awards.
 - ❖ A scholarship committee evaluates submitted applications and selects recipients. Scholarships are highly competitive and award criteria may include academic merit, financial need, extracurricular activities, leadership, and/or other requirements.
- New students can take the Accuplacer placement test for free at SEARK College. For more information, please visit us online at www.seark.edu or in person at 1900 S Hazel in Pine Bluff. Information about the Accuplacer is also available by calling 870-543-5900.

For additional information about the Rising Up: Empowering Student Success Scholarship, please e-mail Barbara Dunn, Executive Director of Institutional Advancement and Community Relations at: bdunn@seark.edu