



THE THORNTON SISTERS FOUNDATION, INC.

The NOTES of Education Compose the Symphony of LIFE

General Information

The Thornton Sisters Foundation, Inc. is a faith-based nonprofit corporation organized for the purpose of annually providing one-year educational scholarship(s) to deserving young females of color. The scholarship(s) shall be used to contribute to the student's first year college tuition and/or books depending upon the amount of funds available to the Foundation for that fiscal year.

The Foundation will be sending this information to public high schools within the State of New Jersey. Therefore, when the enclosed Application is received, it may be duplicated by the school's Guidance Counselor. Any student who has or will receive a full college scholarship should not apply. However, any female who satisfies the student requirements should be allowed to apply. (See **Requirements** below).

All completed Applications with their supporting documents must be postmarked no later than **May 7 of each calendar year.**

Incomplete Applications will NOT be considered.

Important Note: All scholarship Awards will be presented ONLY after a personal **In-Person Question & Answer INTERVIEW** has been completed during the Thornton Sisters Foundation's Annual Banquet. The five (5) chosen Finalists will be notified by a member of the Board of Trustees prior to the formal Scholarship Awards Ceremony.

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Student Requirements

1. A public New Jersey High School Senior.
2. A female of color [African-American/Black, Hispanic/Latino-American, Caribbean-American, Native American, Asian-American, etc.].
3. A high school Grade Point Average (GPA) of C+ or better.
 - a. An official school transcript is required.
4. Submit three (3) letters of recommendation:
 - a. Should be from a teacher/faculty member who has taught you as a student.
 - b. Must include how the person has known Applicant and for how long.
 - c. Each letter must be signed and then sealed with author's signature across the sealed portion of the envelope.
5. Submit most recent copy of parents' Income Tax statement or any equivalent documentation of parents' income. Note: individual W-2 Forms will NOT be accepted.
6. Must complete the personal statement section of the Application form:
 - a. A 500-word essay fully answering each question that is asked.
 - b. A photograph of Applicant must be attached. (**Passport PHOTO Size Only**).
7. Entering a four-year accredited college or university:
 - a. Official verification of college acceptance is required, and all scholarship monies will be payable directly to the college.
 - b. Any Finalist* who does not complete her first year of college shall reimburse the Foundation for all scholarship monies received and all legal costs incurred with that reimbursement.

*** When the student Applicant becomes one of the five (5) Finalists, a personal *Question & Answer* Interview with the Board of Trustees shall be required.**

Scholarship Information Checklist

[_____ School Year]

A **Completed** application includes the following Five (5) components:

1. **A Student Application Form**- Please complete ALL sections of the Application Form = (i.e., Answer the Essay Questions, Provide Passport Photo of Applicant, and Provide Signature of Applicant on last page)
2. **An official High School Transcript**- Final Grades received in the core courses and school's calculated GPA over a 3½ year period.
3. **Documentation of Family Income** or a most recent copy of parents' Income Tax statement.
Note: Individual W-2 Forms will **NOT** be accepted.
4. **THREE (3) letters of Recommendations**- ALL letters must be from teachers or faculty members. Each letter must include the capacity by which the person has known the applicant and for how long. EACH letter must be signed and sealed with the author's signature across the sealed portion of the envelope.
5. **ONE (1) College Acceptance Letter**- Letter must be from an accredited four-year college or university.

- **ALL Five (5) of the above Components MUST be SENT TOGETHER in the SAME envelope and the envelope must be postmarked NO LATER THAN May 7.**
- **An application shall be identified as INCOMPLETE if any of the Five components are missing or the original envelope is postmarked after May 7.**
- **INCOMPLETE applications shall NOT be considered for any reason.**

I hereby certify that all information submitted in this application is true to the best of my knowledge.

SIGNATURE of APPLICANT

DATE

Return **ALL** application materials **TOGETHER in ONE** envelope to:

THE THORNTON SISTERS FOUNDATION, INC.

P.O. Box 21

Atlantic Highlands, New Jersey 07716

T.S. Foundation Office: (732) 768-4263

For more details, please visit the Foundation's Website: www.thornton-sisters.com



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**THE DONALD and ITASKER THORNTON
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

School Year

Note: PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY. THE SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS WILL BE INFLUENCED BY THE NEATNESS AND LEGIBILITY OF THE REPLY.

Name _____
LAST FIRST MIDDLE

Address _____
NUMBER & STREET CITY STATE ZIP CODE

Home Telephone Number: (_____) _____ - _____

School Guidance Counselor Telephone Number: (_____) _____ - _____

I. ETHNIC INFORMATION- Please Circle ONE of the following:

African-American/Black

Latino-American

Caribbean-American

Native American

Other _____

II. EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

High School _____
NAME and LOCATION

DATES ATTENDED

CURRICULUM/MAJOR FIELD

GPA (out of 4.0)

III. PERSONAL STATEMENT [minimum 500-word Essay written in your own words without the assistance of any AI-GPT technology].

Please answer the following five questions, which must be included in your Essay:

- 1). What are your “core beliefs” regarding... a). The Trinity God, b). Family, and c). Friends?
- 2). As a faith-based organization, the Foundation’s Trustees would like you to discuss (in your own words) what is “Faith” and how are you showing your “Faith” in today’s world
- 3). What does it mean to Walk by Faith and not by Sight?
- 4). What have you personally done to help your Christian community be a better community?
- 5). What does “discipleship” mean to you; and How will you show this when you go to college?

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