



## 2017 First Year Scholarship Application

### GUIDELINES

#### Eligibility

To be eligible for an Abramson Scholarship, you must:

- Be graduating in June 2017 from a public high school located in the District of Columbia (D.C.)
- Be a D.C. Resident
- Have admission to and commitment to attend an accredited four-year college in the United States as a candidate for a degree
- Have a demonstrated commitment to community service
- Have an economic need for financial assistance and a family income of less than \$70,000
- Have a solid academic record demonstrated by an overall 2.75 GPA or better, at least 1000 combined SAT scores among evidence-based reading plus writing and math, and a combined score of 12 or above if you've taken the optional SAT essay.

#### Application Packet

- Application form
- Essay (described in the application)
- Two letters of recommendation (one from a counselor, one from a teacher)
- Proof of income - the first page of the most recent IRS 1040 form of the parent(s) or guardian(s) with whom you live and/or who financially support you and a copy of your Financial Aid Application or Student Aid Report
- Official high school transcript through midterm period of second semester senior year
- Official copy of SAT scores
- Budget for preferred college: full cost of attending college, room and board, travel, books, miscellaneous
- List of other scholarships received or pending
- Letter of acceptance from college of choice
- Financial aid award letter from college of choice (if available by Abramson Scholarship application due date)

#### Awardee Information

If selected as an Abramson Scholar, in order to receive your scholarship award payments, you must:

- Attend the Abramson Scholarship Foundation event in your honor to be held in June 2017
- Attend the Abramson Scholarship Foundation Scholar-Mentor Orientation Workshop to be held in Summer 2017
- Attend the Abramson Scholarship Foundation Professional Development Workshop during your college winter break
- Maintain regular and consistent contact with the Abramson Scholarship Foundation – through your mentor, the Mentoring Chair, and/or other representatives of the Foundation
- Provide the Abramson Scholarship Foundation with a transcript/grade report after each semester of college

In order to receive continuing awards, an awardee must apply each year and provide proof of academic achievement, financial need, and demonstrate continued participation in the Abramson Scholarship Foundation program.

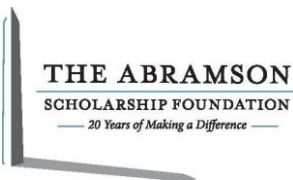
#### Deadline (Postmark Deadline)

Friday, April 28, 2017

#### Award Amount

\$2000 (with the possibility of increasing awards of \$3000, \$4000, and \$5000 for each subsequent year in the remaining three years of college)

**Review Process:** The Foundation's Board of Directors will review applications and a limited number of applicants will be invited to interview with members of the Board. Scholarship awards will be determined and applicants will be notified by early June 2017.



## 2017 First Year Scholarship Application Application Form

Please type or print the requested information.

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Apartment Number  
City State Zip

Home Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Gender \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy) \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name(s)  
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Address (if different from yours)  
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Parent 1 /Guardian 1 Telephone Number [Home] \_\_\_\_\_

[Work] \_\_\_\_\_

Parent 1 /Guardian 1 Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Parent 1/Guardian 1 Employment  
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Parent 2/Guardian 2 Telephone Number [Home] \_\_\_\_\_

[Work] \_\_\_\_\_

Parent 2 /Guardian 2 Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Parent 2 /Guardian 2 Employment

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Parent 2 /Guardian 2 Income \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number of People Being Supported in Household \_\_\_\_\_

Please list everyone who lives in your household:

Name	Age	Relationship to You

Would you be the first in your family to attend a college or university (Y/N)? \_\_\_\_\_

If not, who in your family has attended college and where do/did they attend?

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High School Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Counselor's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative GPA \_\_\_\_\_

SAT Scores: (Critical Reading) \_\_\_\_\_ (Math) \_\_\_\_\_ (Writing) \_\_\_\_\_ (Essay) \_\_\_\_\_

Hours per week worked during high school

[Freshman year] \_\_\_\_\_ [Summer] \_\_\_\_\_

[Sophomore year] \_\_\_\_\_ [Summer] \_\_\_\_\_

[Junior year] \_\_\_\_\_ [Summer] \_\_\_\_\_

[Senior year] \_\_\_\_\_ [Summer] \_\_\_\_\_

Community service activities for the past four years (attach a separate sheet if necessary):

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Extracurricular activities and leadership positions in your school, community, and/or religious organizations (attach a separate sheet if necessary):

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Honors and awards you have received while in high school (attach a separate sheet if necessary)

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Colleges to which you have applied

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Colleges to which you have been accepted

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College you want to attend and why

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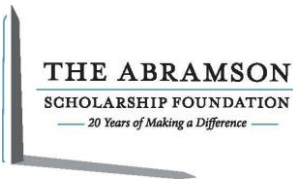
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Career Interest \_\_\_\_\_



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How much will it cost to attend the college of your choice (for information on how to estimate the annual cost to attend college, visit <http://studentaid.ed.gov>):

Tuition \_\_\_\_\_

Room and Board \_\_\_\_\_

Travel \_\_\_\_\_

Books \_\_\_\_\_

Miscellaneous \_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_\_

Have you applied for other scholarships? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please provide

Name of scholarship	Amount	Received (yes/no)	Amount Received
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### Essay

Frederick B. Abramson was a distinguished member of the Washington D.C. legal community. He grew up in Harlem, earned a scholarship to a private high school and to Yale University, and graduated from the University of Chicago Law School.

Fred was enormously successful professionally, but he never forgot his roots or how crucial education was to his success. During his life, he was a mentor and role model to many – particularly women and people of color pursuing their educational and professional goals.

In 1991, Fred passed away and several of his friends and colleagues formed the Frederick B. Abramson Memorial Foundation, now the Abramson Scholarship Foundation, in his memory. Their goal was to continue Fred's work by supporting young men and women who are active in their communities as they pursue higher education and their professional goals. The Foundation's mission is to give back to the community by investing in its human capital -- young people like you. To learn more, visit the Abramson Scholarship Foundation website: [www.abramsonfoundation.org](http://www.abramsonfoundation.org).

Submit an essay of 300 to 500 words stating why you should be selected to receive an Abramson Scholarship award. We are particularly interested in learning something about you that you believe may not be obvious from the information that you have provided thus far.

**I, (*print full name*) \_\_\_\_\_, affirm that all of this application, and the information contained herein is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief and I understand that any material misrepresentations or inaccuracies may result in my application being denied or any award I may receive being withdrawn.**

**Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_**



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### CHECKLIST

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  - a copy of your Financial Aid Application (FAFSA) or SAR report
- Official high school transcript for all four years of high school including through mid-term period of second semester senior year
- Official copy of SAT scores
- Budget for preferred college, including cost to attend college and list of scholarships, grants, and other financial aid received to date
- Letter of Acceptance from college of choice
- Financial Aid Award letter from college of choice (if you have by the time of due date)

#### Application Deadline (Postmark Deadline):

Friday, April 28, 2017

#### PLEASE APPLY VIA EMAIL, FACSIMILE, OR MAIL TO:

The Abramson Scholarship Foundation

P.O. Box 7810

Washington, D.C. 20044-7810

[info@abramsonfoundation.org](mailto:info@abramsonfoundation.org)

(202) 470-5425 office

(202) 318-2482 facsimile

**PLEASE NOTE:** To be considered a finalist for this award, you must notify the Foundation of your acceptance to an accredited four-year college and provide the complete financial aid package and a list of any scholarships received. The actual award will be made after the Foundation receives proof of your Fall 2017 registration. This award may be used to defray your college expenses in addition to tuition.