



MILWAUKEE URBAN LEAGUE

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2019 HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR LAPTOP AWARD APPLICATION

EXTENDED DEADLINE: 4:00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2019.

The High School Senior Laptop Award program is an achievement-based award administered by the Milwaukee Urban League in partnership with Johnson Controls Inc.

All graduating seniors who have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher and attend a high school in Milwaukee County are invited to apply for this award.

Preference will be given to applicants who are first generation college students, students with a strong record of community involvement, volunteer service or academic achievement, students who are currently or have been previously enrolled in Milwaukee Urban League programs and students who demonstrate financial need.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for this award, an applicant must:

1. Be a graduating senior attending a Milwaukee County high school with plans to attend a college/university or trade/vocational school in the fall of 2019 as evidenced by an acceptance letter or application confirmation from the intended college or vocational school.
2. Have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least a 2.5 or higher based on a 4.0 scale.
3. **Be in attendance at the Milwaukee Urban League's Youth Summit** on May 4, 2019 at the Harley Davidson University Building from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
4. Submit a complete application packet no later than the **extended deadline of 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 10, 2019.**

Please Note: Applicants who have received a laptop award through the Milwaukee Times Black Excellence or other laptop award program are ineligible for this award.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

All applications must be submitted by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 10, 2019.

THIS DEADLINE IS FINAL; NO EXCEPTIONS.

It is highly recommended that students mail or hand-deliver their application (including all requested materials) in one packet to:

Milwaukee Urban League
ATTN: Education Department
435 W. North Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53212

Applications (*except transcripts*) may be emailed as a PDF document to ynoel@tmul.org with the subject line: *2019 MUL Laptop Award Submission.*

Mailed applications must be postmarked by Wednesday, April 10, 2019. Additionally, applicants are responsible for tracking and confirming receipt of all their application materials. The Milwaukee Urban League will not be responsible for any missing or damaged materials.

AWARD SELECTION	EVALUATION
<p>Completed applications will be thoroughly evaluated by an independent Laptop Award Review Committee comprised of local professionals including educators, businessmen and women, and community leaders.</p> <p>Applicants selected for a laptop will be announced at the Milwaukee Urban League Youth Summit on Saturday, May 4, 2019 at the Harley Davidson University Building from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Therefore, <u>all applicants</u> must be present at the Youth Summit.</p>	<p>Applications will be evaluated on the student's performance in core academic subjects (namely math, science, history and English) throughout their four years of high school, evidence of plans to attend college/vocational school, strength of recommendation letters, and their essay.</p> <p>Additionally, the Review Committee will take into consideration an applicant's demonstrated resilience and determination to overcome challenging personal and education challenges as evidenced by transcripts showing marked improvement in grades and/or school attendance, recommendation letters and school or community awards/honors etc., or applicant's financial need as documented by applicant's application for Federal Student Aid or Parent(s)/Guardian(s) W-2 Form.</p> <p>Applications will be scored on a scale of 50 points, with 5 bonus points if a resume is submitted.</p>
APPLICATION CHECKLIST & GUIDELINES	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="82 894 1541 968">❑ Application Form: The Laptop Award Application form <u>Section One and Section Two</u> must be completed, signed, and dated by the applicant and a parent/guardian (<i>if applicant is less than 18 years of age</i>). (5 pts.) <li data-bbox="82 999 1541 1136">❑ Official Transcripts in a Sealed Envelope: All transcripts must be stamped or embossed with the high school's official seal/stamp and reflect a <u>cumulative GPA of at least a 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale</u>. Transcript(s) must be included in the packet with other application materials, or hand-delivered to the Milwaukee Urban League. <u>Unless there are extenuating circumstances, transcripts that are emailed or faxed will not be accepted.</u> (5 pts.) <li data-bbox="82 1167 1541 1241">❑ Post-secondary enrollment/acceptance letter: Proof of enrollment or application confirmation from at least one accredited college/university or trade/vocational school. (10 pts.) <li data-bbox="82 1272 1541 1587">❑ Essay: Provide a 300-500 word essay addressing <u>ONE</u> of the following questions: (a) Who in your life has been your biggest influence to pursue a college education or vocational training, and why? (b) Why are you a good candidate to receive this laptop award? (c) How has your family background affected the way you see the world? OR (d) What leadership position/role, community service or volunteer activity are you most proud of, and why?" The essay submission must state the essay question as the title/heading and be neatly typed in Arial or Times New Roman, 12-point font, double-spaced, with applicant's name, contact information, high school, and word count in the top right corner of each page. <u>An outstanding essay is one that flows logically, includes correct grammar and punctuation, has a clear thesis and conclusion, has a creative/catchy introduction, is formatted correctly and addresses one (1) of the above questions.</u> (20 pts.) <li data-bbox="82 1619 1541 1766">❑ Two (2) signed letters of recommendation: Letters must be from a principal, teacher, guidance counselor, coach, college mentor, church leader or community representative (for example: youth group leader, elected official etc.) who can attest to the applicant's work, academic achievements, community service, leadership activities and/or plans for the future. <u>Family members, relatives and friends cannot submit letters of recommendation.</u> (10 pts.) <li data-bbox="82 1797 1541 1869">❑ Resume (optional): A well-formatted document listing accomplishments, awards, honors, interest, community service or volunteer service and work experience (if any). (5 Bonus pts.) 	

HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR LAPTOP AWARD APPLICATION FORM (Section One)

This form and all supporting materials must be submitted no later than 4:00 p.m. on Wed., April 10, 2019.

STUDENT INFORMATION

Please type or print clearly

First Name:	Middle Initial:	Last Name:	
Home Address:	City:	State:	Zip Code:
E-mail Address:	Cell Phone:		Home Phone (if any):
Date of Birth: _____ / _____ / _____ <i>Month Day Year</i>	Race/Ethnicity:	Gender:	
Current High School:	School Address:	School Phone:	
Cumulative GPA (Please use a 4.0 scale):	Anticipated Graduation Date:		

Please state any Milwaukee Urban League programs in which you are currently or have ever been involved:

Intended degree or area of study you plan to pursue:

Will you be the first one in your family to attend college? Yes No

List at least one (1) college or trade/vocational school to which you accepted enrollment.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Please attach a copy of the acceptance letter(s) or other enrollment document(s) you have received.

Applicant Name: _____ **Signature:** _____ **Date:** _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Please type or print clearly

First and Last Name:	Relationship to Applicant:		
Home Address:	City:	State:	Zip Code:
E-mail Address:	Primary Phone:		Secondary Phone:

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ **Signature:** _____ **Date:** _____

**HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR LAPTOP AWARD APPLICATION FORM
(Section Two)**

CERTIFICATION OF MATERIALS

I attest that all statements and documents in and attached to this application are true and accurate. I understand that missing required material(s) and/or inaccurate and misrepresentation of any information will make me ineligible for the 2019 High School Senior Laptop Award.

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian Signature (if applicant is less than 18 years of age): _____ **Date:** _____

COMMITMENT TO ATTEND THE 2019 YOUTH SUMMIT

I understand and accept that the Laptop Award presentation will take place at the Milwaukee Urban League's Youth Summit on **Saturday, May 4, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m** at the Harley Davidson University Building located on 3800 W. Juneau Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53208. In the event I am selected for a laptop I agree to be in attendance for the entirety of the Youth Summit.

I understand that failure to attend this Summit will result in forfeiture of my laptop award. I also understand that exceptions will not be made for awardees who cannot attend due to school or extracurricular activities, sport competitions, work, or other commitments. Parents, guardians, family, friends or school staff etc. will not be able to accept the award on an awardee's behalf.

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian Signature (if applicant is less than 18 years of age): _____ **Date:** _____

RELEASE FORM

I certify that all information I have provided to the Milwaukee Urban League is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I give permission for Milwaukee Urban League staff and the High School Senior Laptop Award Selection Committee to contact my high school and/or college officials for additional academic information, and any other information related to this application, if necessary. If selected to receive the High School Senior Laptop Award, I give permission to share information contained in my application with appropriate award donors, the Milwaukee Urban League, and the National Urban League and its affiliates.

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian Signature (if applicant is less than 18 years of age): _____ **Date:** _____

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