

Aiden's Light, Inc.
College Scholarship Application
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Description and Award Amount:

Aiden's Light is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization whose mission is to counter the negative effects of poverty on children. In an effort to support and empower our future educators, we are offering a one (1) year scholarship in the amount of \$1000 to graduating high school seniors.

Who is Aiden?

Aiden was an intelligent, loving, joy-filled, curious, and determined little two-year old boy. He loved playing drums, dancing, cooking, riding his cars, and playing in water. On August 6, 2015 his life was tragically cut short by a drowning accident due to a negligent caregiver. Unfortunately, Aiden will never get to do all the amazing things he was destined to do on this earth, but there are so many other children who are in need of that same love and support that Aiden had. Aiden's Light seeks to provide that additional support to these children through scholarships and community programming.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Must be a graduating high school senior
- Must be of African American or Latino descent
- Must exhibit financial need
- Must have a minimum cumulative grade point average (G.P.A.) of 2.5 or greater on a 4.0 scale
- Plan to enroll full-time in a 4 year college/university and pursue a bachelor's degree in Education - Fall of 2019

Supplemental Required Documentation:

- Official High School Transcript
- Proof of Free/Reduced Lunch (Suggested, but not required)
- Two letters of recommendation (This can be from a teacher, school counselor or mentor)
- Extracurricular List: List all the extracurricular activities in which you have actively participated in during your high school. (student government, sports, publications, school-sponsored community service programs, arts, music, church, etc.). **List in descending order of significance.**
- Completed Photo and Statement Release Form
- Essay

Aiden's Light, Inc.
PHOTO AND STATEMENT RELEASE FORM

I hereby grant permission to **Aiden's Light, Inc.** to use photographs and/or video of me taken at Scholarship Award Ceremonies and statements from essay in publications, news releases, online, and in other communications related to the mission of **Aiden's Light, Inc.**

(Print-Applicant's First and Last Name)

(Applicant's Signature)

(Date)

(Signature of Adult, or Guardian of Children under age 18)

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian's Address: _____

Phone (day): _____ (evening): _____

Email Address (optional): _____

Aiden's Light, Inc. Essay Questions

Essay Requirements: (Your response must be typed.) In a minimum of 800 words, respond to one (1) of the following questions/prompts:

- Why are you a good candidate to receive this award?
- If you had the authority to change your school and/or community in a positive way, what specific change(s) would you make?
- Describe what you intend to accomplish with your degree in education and how you will give back to your community.
- Write about an influential teacher in your life. What lessons did you learn from this person?

Deadline: This scholarship application and all other required documentation must be received by May 15, 2019.

Return completed application and all other required documentation to the physical address or email address below to be eligible for consideration:

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