

**Black Educators Caucus
Marie A. Lawson
2023 Scholarship Application**

Dear Applicant(s):

The Black Educators Caucus is pleased to announce the 2023 Marie Antoinette Lawson Scholarships. The competition is open to any Hernando County, Florida **minority senior** planning to further his/her education. This year the Caucus will be giving away **two (2) \$1,000 scholarships**. Applicants must have a grade point average of 2.8 or better and show evidence of a financial need.

The scholarships will be applied to the post secondary education or training in the 2022-2023 school year. This scholarship is **a check award** per recipient payable directly to the **college** or **university** in the **fall**. Funds must be applied toward tuition, room, and/or board. The money will be sent directly to the school of your choice from which you may withdraw funds for any related expenses. If you are the recipient of the scholarship, evidence of attendance to a school of higher learning must be available to Black Educators Caucus.

Your application is not complete without the following:

1. Completed Application

2. Official Transcript – *in a sealed envelope*

Attach your most recent **official high school transcript** including the first semester grades of your senior year. **Your official high school transcript must also include standardized college entrance exam scores (FCAT, ACT and/or SAT).**

3. Cover Letter and Resume’ – *should include Education, Work History, Volunteer Experience, Extracurricular Activities and Awards.*

The Resume’ should also include the following:

- a) Goal statement – *should include short term and long term goals*
- b) Cover Letter – *should include why you are the best candidate for this scholarship.*
- c) Statement of Financial Need – *should include a personal narrative stating need, why you should be the recipient, and any other pertinent information. **DO NOT** include W-2 forms.*

4. **Three** (3) character references and/or recommendation letters.
(Recommendation letters or character references will not be acceptable from members of Black Educators Caucus or a family member. A Teacher, Counselor, Pastor/Religious Leader, Community leader or anyone who has known the applicant for a least a year.

5. **Photo of the applicant** – *No original photos, please. A copy of a photo is acceptable.*

Completed applications must be postmarked by **March 31, 2023 or email.**
Incomplete applications will not be evaluated.

Please return completed application to:

Gina P. Hall
BEC Scholarship Chairperson
740 Wood Drive
Brooksville, FL 34601
Cell: 352-701-6798
gina.hall0808@gmail.com

or

Gina P. Hall
The Academies
Endeavor & Discovery
14063 Ken Austin Parkway
Brooksville, FL 34613
352-797-7013, Ext. 161
hall_g@hcsb.k12.fl.us

Black Educators Caucus 2023 Scholarship Application Checklist

Applicant's Name _____

_____ Completed Application (pages 2-6)

_____ Official Transcript – *in a sealed envelope*

_____ Cover letter and Resume – *should include Education, Work History, Volunteer Experience, Extracurricular Activities and Awards.*

The Cover letter and Resume' should also include the following:

- a) Goal statement – *should include short term and long term goals*
- b) Statement of Financial Need – *should include a personal narrative stating need, why you should be the recipient, and any other pertinent information. **DO NOT** include W-2 forms.*
- c) *Describe your career goals and why you have selected the college(s) and/or university(s) to which you have applied.*

_____ Three (3) character references and/or recommendation letters.

_____ Photo of the applicant – **NO** original photos please but a good clear photo. A copy of a photo is acceptable.

_____ Post marked by March 31, 2023.

(Please include checklist when submitting application. Thank you.)

Application Instructions

1. Type all information using 10pt. Times New Roman font **or** print legible.
2. Do not alter this form in any way or use abbreviations.
3. Complete all sections of the application.
4. List information chronologically beginning with the earliest date first.
5. Use only the space provided. Applicants will be judged solely on information contained in this form and your recommendations.
Applications cannot be returned to applicant.
6. For consideration, applications must be postmarked by **March 31, 2023** and sent to **Gina P. Hall, Scholarship Chairperson (address is listed above)**.
7. Applicants must include three (3) total recommendations and/or Character references. (*Recommendations must be no more than one (1) page, and signed.*)
8. The winner will be announced. (**exact date TBD**). The Scholarship Chairperson or the President of the Black Educators Caucus will be calling the winner.
9. **Scholarship is open to all minority students and those planning on enrolling within 12 months (1 year).**
10. **Recipients have 1 year to claim the scholarship. If the scholarship is not claimed in 1 year, recipients have forfeited the scholarship.**

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Section I: Applicant's information

Applicant's Name:

Parent/Guardian's Name:

Address:

City, State & Zip _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

SS#: XXX-XX _____ (last 4 digits)

Section II: Academic Performance

FCAT Score: _____

SAT Score: _____

ACT: Score: _____

GPA: _____

Current High School:

List significant awards received that indicate the quality of your **academic performance.**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Type of Award</u>	<u>Reason received</u>

Section III: Community and Leadership involvement:

List any community service activities in which you have participated and describe your involvement.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Role</u>	<u>Your involvement</u>

List other groups and organizations in which you have participated and describe your involvement.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Role</u>	<u>Your involvement</u>

Section IV: Volunteer involvement

List any volunteer service activities in which you have participated and describe your involvement.(If more space is needed, please list on a separate page.)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Your involvement</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Section V: Financial information

How many household members will be attending college in Fall of 2022-2023? _____

Other Scholarship(s) awarded: \$

Family Income: \$

Which Florida Scholarship's do you qualify for?

- _____ Florida Academic Scholars Award (FAS)
(Including Academic Top Scholars)
- _____ Florida Medallion Scholars Award (FMS)
- _____ Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars Award (GSV)
- _____ Other

Section VI: College/University/Intended Career information

Indicate the college or university you are planning to attend. If applications are still pending, indicate schools to which you have applied.

<u>College/University</u>	<u>City and State</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____

Intended Major/Minor:

a. _____

b. _____

Intended Career: _____

Section VII: Signature Page

I have personally prepared this application and certify that it accurately reflects my work.

Signature

Date

We have reviewed this application and believe the information provided is accurate.

Parent or Guardian Signature

Date