

FINISH STRONG SCHOLARSHIP 2023
For Graduating Seniors of North Kansas City Schools

Purpose: This scholarship, provided by the Darrel Bland Sertoma Club, was established to provide funds to students who are financially disadvantaged and graduating from the district's high schools. Additionally, applicants should have faced and overcome adversity to "Finish Strong."

Deadline: Friday, March 24, 2023
Number of Recipients: At least 2, up to 4 from any of the four district high schools
Scholarship Amount: \$1,000
Microsoft Forms Application Link: <https://forms.office.com/r/49K7MgKeAR>
(Students must use their district account to access Microsoft Forms)

Eligibility:

- A graduating high school senior planning to enter college no later than the fall semester following graduation
- A strong desire to pursue a bachelor's degree from an accredited school (This includes attending a junior college and then transferring to complete a degree.)
- Demonstration of ability and effort to overcome adversity
- Involvement in extra-curricular activities and community service
- Minimum of 3.0 grade point average
- Demonstration of financial need and United States citizenship

Application Requirements:

- Complete the **Common Scholarship Application:** <https://forms.microsoft.com/r/Sn1zJ2AdX>
- Complete the **Finish Strong Scholarship Application:** <https://forms.office.com/r/49K7MgKeAR>
 - **Counselor Recommendation Form:** <https://forms.office.com/r/UKz6r67DQC>
 - **Two Letters of Recommendation:** Letters of recommendation should be completed by a teacher, employer, volunteer coordinator, etc.
 - **Personal Description of your Adversity:** Briefly explain the adversities any financial hardships that you currently face or have faced that have impacted your ability to achieve your maximum potential in high school. Explain what you have done to overcome these obstacles to pursue your education. (500 words or less)
 - **Personal Statement:** (300 words or less) Please describe in your own words:
 - What character traits you possess that helped you to overcome personal adversity
 - Your degree of commitment to pursue a college education
 - How you anticipate making a contribution to society

Timeline:

- Student applications and Counselor Recommendation Forms are due by Friday, March 24, 2023.
- High school counselors will identify finalists for the Education Foundation by Friday, March 31, 2023.
- Finish Strong Scholarship recipients will be notified of their selection by **Friday, April 28, 2023**, and recognized during their high schools' Senior Honors Programs.

Questions? Contact:
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