

Farmington Valley (CT) Chapter of the Links, Incorporated

Links Investment in Future Education (LIFE) Book Award

The Farmington Valley (CT) Chapter of the Links, Incorporated is pleased to announce its LINKS INVESTMENT IN FUTURE EDUCATION (LIFE) BOOK AWARD for 2024. This \$1,500 award is available to 2024 high school graduating seniors in the Greater Hartford area, and is renewable up to four (4) consecutive years. This application, resume and required documents (letter of recommendation, transcript and essay) must be submitted via email to jodi.lilly@sbcglobal.net and your School counselors by **April 30, 2024**. The Farmington Valley Chapter of the Links, Incorporated will grant 2 LIFE Book Awards. One will be given to an African-American female high school senior and one will be given to an African-American male high school senior.

ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS

1. Graduating 2024 High School senior.
2. Minimum high school cumulative grade point average of 2.5
3. Must complete and submit this book award application, a current resume and all required documents; letter of recommendation, transcript and essay by April 30, 2024
4. Must be a full-time student, enrolled in an accredited 2 or 4 year college, university, technical or trade school.
5. Must start classes this fall, and enroll/complete consecutive semesters
6. In order to renew this award, you must:
 - a) Maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 at the end of each semester in good standing.
 - b) Engage at least 2 times a year with assigned Farmington Valley (CT) Chapter of the Links, Incorporated mentor.
 - c) Submit proof of enrollment/class schedule each renewal cycle from the accredited 2 or 4 year college, university, technical or trade school.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANT

1. Make sure you answer each question, and provide the required documents. Please return a typed or neatly printed application.
2. If you have any questions about the process please feel free to contact your school counselors or the Service to Youth Committee Chair and Co-Chair from the Farmington Valley (CT) Chapter of the Links, Incorporated:

Jodi Lilly: jodi.lilly@sbcglobal.net

Vannessa Dorantes: vdorantes@snet.net

1. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name of applicant _____ Gender _____ Birthdate _____
Phone number _____ Email address _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Name of high school you are presently attending _____

2. FAMILY INFORMATION

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|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Mother/Guardian's name _____ | Father/Guardian's name _____ |
| Occupation _____ | Occupation _____ |
| Street Address _____ | Street Address _____ |
| City, State, Zip Code _____ | City, State, Zip Code _____ |
| Phone number _____ | Phone number _____ |
| Email address _____ | Email address _____ |

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3. EDUCATION

a. In descending order, list all schools you have attended in the past four (4) years.

| Name | Location | Dates Attended |
|-------|----------|----------------|
| _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ |

b. What college, university, technical or trade school have you applied to for admission? Please indicate your acceptance status.

c. What course of study (major) have you decided to pursue, and why? _____

d. What future business or career will you likely pursue after finishing your post-secondary education? _____

4. ACADEMIC, ATHLETIC, COMMUNITY SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES

a. List academic awards and achievements with dates. _____

b. List participation in athletic activities and awards received with dates. _____

c. List participation in community service activities and/or projects with dates. _____

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d. List participation in leadership programs, and/or activities with dates. _____

ESSAY QUESTIONS

(Please use a separate sheet of paper to answer, and submit your essay)

Please write an essay of approximately 300-400 words in length on one of the topics listed below. The essay will give us an opportunity to evaluate the way in which you organize your thoughts and express yourself.

Choose from one of these topics:

- Discuss an event or person who has significantly shaped your development.
- Discuss one academic or extracurricular activity you are engaged in.
- Discuss an experience that helped to define a value you embrace.
- How would you describe yourself to a stranger who wanted to find out about you? Include those values, qualities, and activities that best define you.
- This is a competitive book award. WHY should you be selected to receive this award?

TRANSCRIPT HISTORY

This section is to be completed by your Principal or School Counselor. Please attach the student's high school record, along with a copy of his/her most recent report card.

Ranking in senior class: _____ of _____

GPA: _____ on a _____ scale

Has this applicant met all of the state graduation requirements? _____

Name of Principal or Guidance Counselor (printed): _____

Signature of Principal or Guidance Counselor: _____

Date: _____

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

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Please submit a letter of recommendation to support your application. The letter should come from your principal, school counselor, school teacher, coach or adult community member (supervisor, clergy, mentor, group leader, etc.). Please submit the letter with your application.

STATEMENT OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I _____ have read, understand and acknowledge that I meet the Eligibility Standards for the LIFE Book Award. I affirm that I plan to further my education, and acknowledge that this award is for \$1,500 per academic year. I am aware that this award is non-transferrable, but it is renewable for a maximum of four (4) consecutive years.

I give permission to officials of my current school to release transcripts and other related information requested for award consideration. I understand that the information contained in this application will be limited to the Farmington Valley (CT) Chapter of the Links, Incorporated members who need to see it in the course of their duties.

If selected to receive this book award, I agree to engage at least 2 times with my assigned mentor per academic year. I understand that failure to maintain the required Eligibility Standards will render me ineligible for continued support. I also give the Farmington Valley (CT) Chapter of the Links, Incorporated the right to use my name, picture and related image in all media, and in all manners, for advertising or any other lawful purposes, and I waive my right to inspect or approve the finished product, including written copy, that may be created in connection therewith. I acknowledge that I will not receive any financial consideration or compensation for the use of such image(s). I affirm that the information contained herein is accurate.

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature (if under the age of 18) _____

Date: _____

This application, resume and the required documents must be submitted via email to jodi.lilly@sbcglobal.net and your school counselor, by April 30, 2024. The Service to Youth committee will review scholarship applications, and awards will be announced in May 2024.