



Eket Development Congress, USA, Inc.  
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## SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION & APPLICATION FOR 2015 - 2016 ACADEMIC YEAR

Up to 10 academic scholarships are available to prospective recipients.

Scholarship funding is **only** available to students **who have been admitted to or are currently enrolled at** a University, a College, a high school or Middle school (all levels of Secondary school). EDC Scholarships for fall 2015-2016 academic school year will be awarded in Fall 2015 (August/September).

**THE APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR ALL SCHOLARSHIPS IS **EXTENDED** to Wednesday, July 15!**

Information contained in the Scholarship applications must be accurate and may be subject to verification by EDC Scholarship Committee.

Applications must be completely filled out by prospective recipients. Applications may **ONLY** be submitted via email to **president@eketusa.org**

Scholarship applications must be **RECEIVED (not postmarked)** by 5:00 pm on the day of the deadline.

**Absolutely NO EXCEPTIONS, NO EXCUSES**

**DEADLINE: Wednesday, July 15, 2015**

**Applicants will be contacted via email** about the status of their application by

**Friday, July 24, 2015**

## LIST OF SCHOLARSHIPS & CRITERIA

### EDC FIRST-GENERATION SCHOLARSHIP (\$500)

- Must be a full-time student with a cumulative GPA of 2.5 (letter grade C/Lower Class) or higher
- Must be first-generation college student (1<sup>st</sup> to go to College in your family )
- Must write an essay on the following topic: “What it means to be the first in my family to attain a college degree.”

### EDC MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP (\$500)

- This is a need-based scholarship; applicants will have to demonstrate financial need
- GPA of 3.0 (letter grade B) or higher
- Must show evidence of extracurricular activities including program/organizational participation (e.g., social, church, association, etc.)
- Must submit a typed essay (no more than 200 words) entitled “Why I Should Be Selected As The Recipient”

### EDC SOPHOMORE AND JUNIOR SCHOLARSHIP (\$500)

- This is a need-based scholarship; applicants will have to demonstrate financial need
- Must be sophomore or junior (2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> year student in University/College)
- Must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 (letter grade C/Lower Class ) or higher
- Must write 500 word essay entitled “How Will This Scholarship Benefit Me”

\*Note: Cumulative GPA, extracurricular activities, community service, and work experience may be used in the scholarship selection process.

## Scholarship Application

Return Application to: [president@eketusa.org](mailto:president@eketusa.org)

### APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name:	Nick Name:	Date of Birth:	
Mailing Address			
City:	State:	Zip:	Cell Phone:
Email:	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female		
Scholarship(s) for which you are applying (please list all that apply)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Black/African American  <input type="checkbox"/> White (not Hispanic)	<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic  <input type="checkbox"/> Asian/Pacific Islander	<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian  <input type="checkbox"/> Other <hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-top: 5px;"/>	
Are you a US Citizen? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No    If no, of what country are you a citizen? _____			
Are you a Resident of TX? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No    If no, of what state are you a resident? _____			

## POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION (institution currently enrolled)

Major/Program		Semester(s) for which you are applying for financial assistance:
Expected Graduation Date (Month/Year):		Current GPA (at end of last semester)
SAT Score _____ ACT Score _____ GRE Score _____ THEA Score _____ TOEFL Score _____		
JSS1 Scores _____ JSS2 Scores _____ JSS3 Scores _____ SSS1 Score _____ SSS2 Scores _____ SSS3 Scores _____		
Classification: <input type="checkbox"/> Freshman (1 <sup>st</sup> yr) <input type="checkbox"/> Sophomore (2 <sup>nd</sup> yr) <input type="checkbox"/> Junior (3 <sup>rd</sup> yr) <input type="checkbox"/> Senior (4 <sup>th</sup> yr) <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate Student <input type="checkbox"/> Middle School (JSS 1-3) <input type="checkbox"/> High School (SSS 1-3)		
List Organization Membership	Extracurricular Activities	Community Involvement

## FURTHER INFORMATION

Have you completed any scholarship application for 2015-2016 school year?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Are you currently receiving financial aid (grants, loans, work study, or scholarships)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Where do you live while at school?	<input type="checkbox"/> On-campus	<input type="checkbox"/> Off campus
Are you a member of Eket Development Congress?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Are you an Ibibio son/daughter?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Were you enrolled in 12 credit hours of classes in the last semester?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Are you pre-registered for 12 credit hours of classes in this semester?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Have you completed 15 hours of courses at your school	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

## OTHER REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

1. Please submit a "needs essay." This essay should include a list of your school-related expenses and a list of resources at your disposal to help you meet your expenses. Please be as specific as possible. Your essay should be typed and not **exceed 200 words**.

### APPLICANT CERTIFICATION

I certify that the information provided on this application is complete and accurate. I understand that providing false, misleading, or incomplete information will be the basis for denial or revocation of scholarship funds. I understand that the Office of the President of EDC reserves the right to modify my award (scholarship).

Eket Development Congress Inc. has my permission to release this information for review, recruitment, and public relations. I further understand that awards depend on the availability of funds and financial need.

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Student Signature

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Date

Please list any other scholarships (Alumni, Corporate, Church, Other) and amounts that you are or will be receiving during the fall 2015 semester		
Scholarship	Amount	Semester

## EDC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CHECK LIST

PLEASE MAKE SURE TO SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING WITH YOUR APPLICATION:

- COMPLETED AND SIGNED APPLICATION
- A COPY OF YOUR TRANSCRIPT (FOR CURRENT STUDENTS)
- COMPLETED PERSONAL ESSAY
- COMPLETED NEEDS STATEMENT
- EDC PRESIDENT SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY (IF APPLICABLE)
- EDC FIRST-GENERATION SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY (IF APPLICABLE)
- EDC SOPHOMORE AND JUNIOR SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY (IF APPLICABLE)
- EDC MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY (IF APPLICABLE)

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Student Signature

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Date