



Ethnic Enrichment Commission of Kansas City

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Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the John Thomas Duncan Scholarship. The scholarship is named in honor of John Thomas Duncan, one of the founders of the Ethnic Enrichment Commission. Commissioner Duncan was very involved in his neighborhood, his ethnic community, and the Ethnic Enrichment Commission. As such, the requirements reflect a high level of involvement on the part of the applicant. The applicant must be a graduating high school senior who will be attending college in the fall of 2016, must be recommended by one of the Commissioners, and must be the only candidate from his or her country for this scholarship year. In addition to completing the application cover sheet, you will need to compose an essay, enclose a letter from your country's Commissioner, and include a transcript (all of which are detailed on the enclosed application cover sheet). You must submit all of this paperwork together no later than April 15, 2016. If you wish acknowledgment of receipt of your material, please enclose a self-addressed envelope or postcard with your application.

Best wishes,
Ethnic Enrichment Commission
Scholarship Committee

Tips for successful application:

- Applicants are judged on the following criteria: **ethnic involvement** (including the ethnic festival and community involvement), **scholarship** (including grades and difficulty of courses taken), **letter of recommendation** from the country's Commissioner, and the **applicant essay**. Strength in one area alone is not usually enough to win a scholarship. How you have been involved in your ethnic community and/or in Outreach or Ethnic Commission activities is of utmost importance, and you must communicate that in your application.
- Be specific in your essay about how you have been involved in your ethnic community and in Outreach or Ethnic Commission activities. **(Please note: Number of maximum words must be adhered to! More than 500 words equates to not following directions.)**
- Include a strong letter of recommendation detailing how the sponsoring Commissioner knows the applicant. This letter should include activities the Commissioner has personally observed.
- Complete the cover sheet which summarizes the information you have attached.

REMINDER:

John Thomas Duncan Scholarship eligibility requirements:

The applicant must

- be a graduating high school senior going on to college
- turn in all required materials (cover sheet, Commissioner's recommendation, essay and transcripts) on time
- be the only applicant for the country this year

**JOHN THOMAS DUNCAN
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
2016**

Please note the following: Only one applicant will be accepted per country. Applicant must be recommended by a Commissioner or an Alternate Commissioner.

Please type all information.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ EMAIL: _____

Country representing: _____ Commissioner: _____

Cum. GPA: _____ Class Rank: _____ of _____ Required Credits: _____

College choice: _____ Possible major: _____

Ethnic Involvement (list activities and years involved):

Please include with this form:

1. A **500 word** (or fewer) typed essay about yourself in which you tell about
 - your ethnic heritage and relationship with that heritage
 - your activities, accomplishments, and goals relating to your heritage
 - where you stand in pursuit of your educational goals**(Please note: Number of maximum words must be adhered to!)**
2. A letter of endorsement from the Commissioner of your country.
(Please note: Number of maximum words must be adhered to!)
3. An official copy of your transcript, showing GPA and class rank.

Mail the above to:

Vanessa Brandom, EEC Office Manager
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