

The Black Achievement Scholarship is intended to support the academic success of Black graduating seniors within Washington County. The scholarship honors the enduring legacy of achievement and creativity from those who have come before us. From Katherine Johnson to Benjamin Banneker, and the thousands of other scientists, artists, teachers, lawyers, and movement makers, Black people have persevered through racial injustice to achieve excellence and positive change for our communities and nation. We believe in the potential that our youth have to be the next generation of change agents - to make this world a better, safer, stronger, and more beautiful place to be.

### **Applicant Academic Focus:**

- This scholarship specifically encourages applications from students pursuing education at 4-year colleges and universities.

### **Eligibility and Application:**

- This scholarship is open to graduating seniors from Washington County School District high schools in 2026.
- Applicants must culturally identify as Black/African American/African/Afro-Latino or hold other cultural identities from the African Diaspora.
- Scholarships will be awarded based on the strength of the completed application.
- Students with a minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale are encouraged to apply.
- Scholarship values will range from \$1000 to \$5000.
- A recommendation letter from someone familiar with your leadership and academic commitment.
- Applications must be submitted by Sunday, April 26th, 2026.

### **Award and Recognition:**

- Scholarship recipients will be announced at the Umoja Rights Of Passage Celebration on Friday, May 22nd, 2026
- Recipients will also be featured on the Beaverton Black People's Union website.
- Scholarship funds will be sent directly to the educational institution identified in the application.
- If an educational institution has not been identified at the time of the award, funds will be held for up to one year before they are donated back into the scholarship fund.

### **Questions:**

- For any questions regarding the submission process, please email [scholarship@beavertonblackparentunion.org](mailto:scholarship@beavertonblackparentunion.org).

### **Form:**

First Name

Last Name

Email (non-school district)

Home Mailing Address

School:

High School GPA [upload pdf copy of transcript]

Recommendation letter [upload copy]

Academic Plans in 2026-2027 (anticipated school and field of study)

**Essay: [to be uploaded]** Please respond to one of the following questions (1 page or ~500 words):

1. Many historical Black figures have dedicated their lives to service leadership - offering their talents and skills to benefit their communities. Describe how you plan to use your education to empower and uplift the African American community.
2. How has your experience in Oregon shaped your understanding of what it means to be a leader within the African American community? What do you see as the relevance to your future endeavors?
3. What is an issue that you care deeply about that impacts African American communities? What solutions do you hope to be a part of?

Please submit your response as a Word document (PDF also accepted).