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Curtis A. Brooks Memorial Scholarship Fund
Ohio Association of Community Action Agencies
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Dear Executive Director,

The Curtis A. Brooks Memorial Scholarship Fund is preparing to award its annual scholarship. The award will be for \$1,000 for the 2018-2019 academic year. This letter will discuss the selection requirements. I hope each agency in Ohio will give strong consideration to submitting an applicant to be awarded this scholarship. An application is enclosed.

Many of you knew Curtis Brooks. He was Executive Director of CMACAO for thirty years and a visionary leader in the Community Action movement both in Ohio and nationally. The purpose of this scholarship is to honor him by finding a person who hopes to pursue a career that will have a positive effect on those among us who need assistance.

As scholarships go, we believe the requirements for the Curtis Brooks Scholarship are fairly open. We are looking for a recipient who:

1. Is pursuing a degree in social work, social service, child development, political science, public administration or a related field.
2. Has an income no greater than 80% of the median income for the Columbus Metropolitan Area.
3. Is fifty-five years old or younger.
4. Is pursuing a first, second, or third career. (Those changing careers in mid-life are welcome to apply.)
5. Will attend an accredited institution in the United States.

The Award may be used for tuition, books, fees, and possibly, living expenses. The Board of Trustees of OACAA has worked to keep this as open as possible allowing the recipients to fit their individual education needs



Each Community Action Agency in Ohio may submit one applicant. No one may apply without a recommendation from a Community Action Agency in Ohio. Agencies may not submit more than one applicant.

Applications must be postmarked by Friday June 29, 2018. Feel free to copy the application and distribute to all who are interested and eligible, but please submit only one to the Committee. The recipient will be announced at the OCAA Annual Conference in Dayton.

The members of the Selection Committee look forward to another group of qualified applicants from which to choose. I hope your agency will be represented.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Philip Cole", is positioned above the typed name.

Philip Cole
Executive Director
Curtis A. Brooks Memorial Scholarship
Selection Committee

Enclosure



Curtis A. Brooks was a pioneer in the War on Poverty and the anti-poverty movement. As the Executive Director of the Columbus Metropolitan Area Community Action Organization for thirty years, he inspired the development of several creative and innovative programs that continue to help people every day. The Selection Committee for the Curtis A. Brooks Scholarship Fund hopes to select a recipient who also carries this spirit of helping to improve the lives of others.

A. With this in mind, we ask that you answer the following questions on a separate sheet(s) of paper and attach it to this application form. (Type or print neatly on a single side of a sheet(s) of paper. Each answer should consist of no more than 300 words.)

1. Discuss your educational and career goals, why you chose this field and how you think you will positively affect other people's lives.
2. How have your previous activities made you aware of the needs or sensitivities of others?
3. Why do you feel you need this scholarship?
4. Provide any other information you feel will assist the Selection Committee in making its decision.

B. Attach two completed Recommendation Forms.

C. Attach a recommendation letter from a Community Action Agency in Ohio.

D. Attach an official transcript from your current or most recent educational institutional attended.

The signatures below serve as certification that all questions have been answered truthfully and grant permission to the Curtis A. Brooks Scholarship Fund to use the applicant's name, picture, pertinent information, etc., as a means of publicity for the applicant, the Curtis A. Brooks Scholarship Fund, or The Columbus Foundation.

Signature of Student

Date Signed

Signature of Parent/Guardian if Applicant is a Dependent

Date Signed



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2. How have your previous activities made you aware of the needs or sensitivities of others?



Curtis A. Brooks Memorial Scholarship Financial Assessment Form

Your financial statement should tell us if you are an independent person (self-supporting), or a dependent (supported by parents or others, referred to here simply as “parents”). The questions in Part I will allow the Selection Committee to determine your classification. If you are a dependent student, your parent’s income and expenses must be included. If you are married, your spouse’s income and expenses must be included.

Part I

1. For academic year 2018/2019, if you meet any of the following conditions, you are automatically considered an independent student.

Check One:

Yes

No

Born before January 1, 1997

Veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces

Ward of the court or an orphan

Student with legal dependents other than spouse.

2. If you answered “No” to all of the above conditions, answer A, below. If you answered “Yes” to any of the above conditions, answer B.
 - A. Number of individuals included in parents’ household (include yourself, parents, and other legal dependents). _____
 - B. Number of individuals included in your household (include yourself, spouse, and any other legal dependents). _____
3. Number of individuals included in your household to be enrolled at least half-time in college in 2018-2019.



MEDIAN INCOME FOR COLUMBUS METROPOLITAN AREA

FAMILY SIZE

80% of Median Income for Columbus

1	\$41,650
2	\$47,600
3	\$53,550
4	\$59,500
5	\$64,300
6	\$69,050
7	\$73,800