



Improvement League Scholarship Application



Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

High School Name and Address:

Colleges to which you've applied. Indicate current status of application (waiting, accepted, waitlisted, enrolled.)

Intended major and minor:

List any school affiliated clubs, extra-curricular activities and/or sports you participate:

How did you hear about this scholarship program?

APPLICATIONS DUE BY 5:00 P.M. MONDAY JANUARY 4, 2021
Improvement League of Plant City, Incorporated
Bing Rooming House Museum
P.O. Box 5894
Plant City, FL 33564-5894



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Plant City Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Sadye Gibbs Martin Scholarship Program

2020-2021 Scholarship Guidelines and Eligibility Criteria High School Senior (graduating in May 2021) Community Service

Deadline

Scholarship applications and required documentation must be received by the close of business **5:00 p.m. Monday January 4, 2021**. No incomplete or late applications will be considered. The committee will be meeting at 6:30 p.m. to review applicants.

Type and Eligibility for Scholarships

The Improvement League of Plant City, Incorporated (ILPC) is pleased to offer up to four scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$1,000 to graduating high school seniors for **Community Service** accomplishments. The Plant City Dr. MLK Jr., and Sadye Gibbs Martin Scholarship Programs are named in recognition of the community services efforts by both the late Dr. King Jr. and Sadye Gibbs Martin, a local icon whose life was dedicated to serving citizens of Plant City. The scholarships are funded by ILPC in partnership with the John Dicks Foundation. Wish Farms is a matching donor for the 2020-2021 awards.

- You must be a current resident of Plant City or surrounding area (Bealsville, Knights Station- zip codes 33563, 33566, 33567).
- Attending Plant City, Durant, Newsome or Strawberry Crest High Schools.
- Scholarship must be applied toward full-time undergraduate study in any discipline*
- You must be actively involved in community service projects.
- Award recipients must attend the Plant City MLK Leadership & Community Awards Breakfast 7:30 a.m. Sunday January 17, 2021. **A determination will be made by January 5, 2021 for either in-person or virtual presentation.** (Complimentary tickets for awardee & one guest only). A certificate will be issued. Actual check presentation will be held during the graduating senior's scholarship night at their perspective school.
- Current high school transcript from the school (copy)
- Copy of college or university acceptance letter, when available

Criteria for Award

The **Community Service Scholarships** will be awarded on the basis of community service involvement and accomplishments serving/benefiting the residents of Plant City and surrounding Plant City area (unincorporated Plant City), in addition to academic credentials. Candidates must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

Letters of Recommendation

- **Community Service Scholarship**
- Two letters of recommendation: one from an adult who has worked with the applicant in school, church, or another organization, but is not a family member; and one from a community service organization in Plant City and/or surrounding area(s), (unincorporated) serving the residents also served by ILPC.
- The letter must address the student's community service involvement.
- Letters of recommendation must be written on professional letterhead.
- You can attach each letter to this form, email them to ilpc@tampabay.rr.com or send them to ILPC via U.S. Mail.

Required Essay

All scholarship candidates must submit an essay, "**How I Made a Difference in the Lives of Others Through Community Service**" in Microsoft Word format. This essay can be attached to this form, sent to ILPC via U.S. Mail, or by email to ilpc@tampabay.rr.com.

- The essay cannot be more than three double-spaced pages;
- Knowledge of how your service impacts the lives of others and how those efforts correlate to the Improvement League of Plant City, Inc., and its mission and programs.
- If sending via U.S. Mail or email, make sure you have your full name on the document or drop off in our mailbox at 205 South Allen Street (Bing House Museum).

Good Luck,

Improvement League of Plant City, CDC

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