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ODPEC SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA AND GUIDELINES 2025-2026 Academic Year

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The One Delta Plaza Educational Center, Inc. (ODPEC), founded in 1989, operates with the central mission of promoting and funding programs that educate, nurture, and guide future community leaders within the Greater Houston area.

The ODPEC scholarships aim to help position young people to become successful leaders in today's multi-faceted world

I. SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

All applicants must satisfy the following criteria to be considered:

1. Status: You must be a graduating high school senior.
2. GPA: You must have a GPA of 2.75 or greater on a 4.0 grading scale
3. Location: You must reside within a 50 mile radius of the Greater Houston Metropolitan area.
4. Descent: You must be of African-American descent.
5. Demonstration of Excellence: Applicants must demonstrate academic excellence, leadership, and community involvement.

II. SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

To ensure a comprehensive review, all required materials must be submitted, meeting the established guidelines.

1. **Letters of Recommendation:** Submit two letters of recommendation:
 - One letter from a high school counselor, teacher, or administrator.
 - One letter from a minister or community leader.
2. **Academic Records:**
 - Submit an official high school transcript displaying the Grade Point Average (GPA) on a 4.0 Scale.
3. **Community Service Documentation:**
 - Submit comprehensive documentation for community service performed. ODPEC seeks to promote and fund programs that nurture and guide future community leaders.

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4. **Essay Submission: Submit a typed essay (maximum of 300 words).**

- Essay topic for the 2025- 2026 academic year:
 - Effective leadership shapes schools, communities, and the broader society. In a well-developed essay, define what it means to be a great leader. Discuss the qualities, values, and behaviors that distinguish exceptional leaders from others. Provide specific examples from history, current events, or your own experiences to support your perspective.
 - In your response, explain how you have demonstrated—or aspire to demonstrate—these leadership qualities in your school, community, or future goals
- Essay Formatting:
 - Double-spaced text
 - No extra space between paragraphs
 - 12 point Times New Roman font
 - 1" margins top, bottom, left, right
 - Indent first line of each paragraph by 1/2"
 - Left justified

5. **Applicant Photograph:** Supply one passport size photo (2x2 inches in size – full face view).

6. **Media Release Form:** Submit a signed media release form. This form authorizes ODPEC to use photographs taken in connection with the scholarship event for lawful purposes, including publicity, illustration, advertising, and Web content.

III. GENERAL INFORMATION

- Award Amount: Historically, ODPEC has awarded three scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each.
- Property of ODPEC: All application materials submitted will become the property of ODPEC, Inc., and will be properly discarded after the selection process.

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