

## THE MAIGNAN-WILKINS SCHOLARSHIP

The Maignan-Wilkins Scholarship celebrates young adults who seek higher learning and want to change the world by making a positive impact on themselves, others and society. To that end, the scholarship is awarded annually to a graduating high school senior of the Urban Alliance Foundation, an organization that prepares young adults from under-resourced neighborhoods in Washington, DC for the world of work and a life of self-sufficiency through education, mentoring, and meaningful paid internships. The scholarship recipient will be a graduating high school senior who demonstrates academic accomplishment, the potential to succeed in college and the desire to make a positive impact on others and society. The student must have a minimum 2.75 GPA during his/ her senior year in high school and must be attending an accredited 4-year college or university by spring semester 2009. The scholarship, in the amount of \$2000, will be awarded to the student during the Urban Alliance Public Speaking Challenge in August and will be disbursed directly to the student's school.

The Maignan-Wilkins Scholarship was started by Arden and Muriel Wilkins, a married couple who believe that every individual has the potential and responsibility to make a positive impact in the world despite the circumstances and challenges they may face. A native Washingtonian and graduate of Calvin Coolidge High School, Arden Wilkins overcame the distractions and challenges he faced as a young adult and moved forward to pursue a bachelors at University of District of Columbia, a masters degree with honors from Thomas Jefferson University and ultimately founded a physical therapy practice, In Touch Physical Therapy. As the first US-born member of immediate family, Muriel Maignan Wilkins was raised to not let income, race or gender get in the way of achieving success - - she received an undergraduate degree from Georgetown University, an MBA from Harvard Business School and ultimately co-founded a leadership coaching and training firm, Isis Associates. Both are committed to helping young adults reach their potential despite the odds and make a positive impact on others and society.

Please submit all applications to: The Maignan-Wilkins Scholarship c/o Urban Alliance Foundation 600 New Hampshire Avenue NW, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor Washington DC 20037 by Friday, June 6, 2008. Any questions may be directed to Sokeng Leng.

### **I. Eligibility Requirements:**

- Student must be active and in good standing with the Urban Alliance Foundation
- Student must be graduating from high school in the current academic year
- Student must have a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale during their senior high school year

- Student must be accepted to and attend a four-year accredited institution of higher learning on a fulltime basis by spring semester 2009
- Student must complete and submit the required application and documentation by the application deadline
- Students must agree to be interviewed by scholarship sponsors upon request

## **II. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:**

- Student must submit an official high school transcript
- Student must submit a copy of their college acceptance letter
- Student must submit completed application and essay

## **III. APPLICATION PROCESS:**

- Student must complete the attached application and include all required documentation. **Applications without required documentation will not be considered and will be discarded.** (Acceptance letters received after the deadline should be immediately forwarded to UA).
- Applications must be **post marked in regular mail no later than Friday, June 6, 2008 - NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- Finalists will be contacted for a phone or in-person interview by the sponsors
- Award candidate will be notified at the Urban Alliance Public Speaking Challenge in July 2008
- All winners are required to attend an accredited university or college on a fulltime basis by spring 2009

## **Scholarship Application Checklist**

Use this checklist to make sure you are sending in a complete application:

- 500 word essay
- Signed and completed application
- High school transcript
- Copy of college acceptance letter
- Resume (optional)
- Postmarked no later than June 6, 2008

Legible Print is Required

**APPLICANT DATA**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First MI

Gender: \_\_\_Female \_\_\_ Male

Date of birth: \_\_\_ - \_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address:

Number Street Apt. # \_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip Code Home Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s)/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**EDUCATION**

High School Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

High School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Senior G.P.A. \_\_\_\_\_ on 4.0 scale Date of expected graduation: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

| List the name of the colleges/universities to which you have applied<br>(check the column that best describes the status of your application) |                                 |                                 |                                     |
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| College/University  | <i>I have been<br/>accepted</i> | <i>I have not<br/>heard yet</i> | <i>I have not been<br/>accepted</i> |
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Please name the college/ university you have chosen to attend:  
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Please list any extracurricular activities you have been involved with while in high school. You may also attach a resume to the application.

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**ESSAY** (please submit in typed format)

Mahatma Gandhi once said "You must be the change you want to see in the world." Submit a 500-word ESSAY on the following: "What change do you want to see in the world? When you plan for your future, what will be your contribution to that change? How do you see yourself being a positive impact on others and society?"

**NOTES**

- Your application must be **signed** and **dated**
- Applications submitted without required documentation will be considered **incomplete and therefore not reviewed**.
- Faxed or emailed applications **will not** be accepted.
- All application materials must be postmarked no later than Friday, June 6, 2008 and mailed to the proper address as stated on this application.

**DISCLOSURE**

The information provided in this packet will be disclosed to the Maignan-Wilkins Scholarship sponsors as required to determine your eligibility for an award. The information will be available only to those affiliated with the Maignan-Wilkins Scholarship, for the purposes of reviewing applications and award dissemination. I hereby certify that the information provided in this application is to the best of my knowledge, true and accurate. I have not knowingly withheld any facts or circumstances that could otherwise jeopardize consideration of this application.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_