

Sylvester Greenwood Memorial Scholarship Application



*"Give a man a fish
And you feed him for a day
Teach a man to fish
And you feed him for a lifetime"*

Sylvester Greenwood was born February 17, 1945, in Thebes, Arkansas. His family moved to Berkeley, California in 1946 and moved to Richmond in 1953. He loved Richmond so much that he made a conscious decision to work and live in Richmond. He wanted to show young people that education was the key to their future. He had a tremendous impact on the lives of children, youth, and families in the West Contra Costa Community. He was a success story, he was a role model, and he was a compassionate teacher and administrator with WCCUSD, and the first African American Superintendent in WCCUSD. He was always willing to support and contribute to worthy causes. Everyone in the community knew "Greenwood." If you ever were with him in public, you would have observed person after person coming up to him and saying "Hey Greenwood...you remember me? I remember the time I came to your office and" This was usually followed by some success story, an update on their life, where they are working now, how their parents are doing, or other updates. Many have gone to see him and have come out as "**Greenwood Kids.**" He was a firm believer always giving students a second chance. In honor of his accomplishments, the Sylvester Greenwood Academy was dedicated in the fall of 2015 in West Contra Costa Unified School District.

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Dear Student,

The purpose of the memorial scholarship is to award a scholarship to an individual in the WCCUSD interested in attending a college, university, or trade school. The scholarship will be awarded to a student who has displayed exemplary achievements despite hardships and/or challenges. A student that shows these qualities will be eligible for the scholarship. The Sylvester Greenwood Memorial Scholarship is offering \$1000.00 scholarship.

Scholarship Recipient Instructions (keep for your records)

Scholarship funds will be awarded before the beginning of the fall semester. If selected as a recipient, you will be required to provide a copy of the registration from future college/university/trade school to the Sylvester Greenwood Memorial Scholarship Fund Administrators in order to receive the scholarship.

Part I- Applicant Information

Student Name: _____ Graduation Date: _____

Student Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone _____ Email: _____

Part II – Applicant Essay

Please answer the following questions on a separate sheet and attach it to this application.

- Tell us about yourself.
- Despite hardships and challenges, how have you persevered?
- What personal qualities do you possess which would make you a recipient for this scholarship?
- What are your goals/plans after graduating college or trade school?

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PART III – References

Please provide **two** letters of recommendation from the following:

- a) Teacher, Guidance Counselor, or Administrator.
- b) Volunteer, work or community service employer.
- c) Character Reference (reference must NOT be related to the applicant).

Applicants will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- 1) Must attend any WCCUSD district high school.
- 2) Must have at least a 2.0 grade point average.
- 3) Must be a high school senior.
- 4) Must have a financial need.
- 5) Meet with the fund administrators for an interview.
- 6) Must have a completed essay
- 7) Must submit references

Applications **MUST** be submitted no later than April 30, 2017. For questions please call 510-367-2192. Submit your application to greenwoodscholarship@gmail.com or mail to:

Sylvester Greenwood Memorial Scholarship Fund

P.O. Box 6446
Richmond, CA 94806

Thank you for applying for the Sylvester Greenwood Memorial Scholarship.