



# SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Please print all information legibly

APPLICANT'S FULL NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIPCODE \_\_\_\_\_

Current contact phone #( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_

High School GPA:		out of	
High School Class Rank:		out of	

Circle One:	YES	NO	An official copy of my high school transcript is included with my application.
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If No, an UNOFFICIAL copy must be sent with the application. An official copy must be sent to the student selection committee if you are selected as a scholarship finalist.

**Achievement: Test Scores and Curriculum** (indicate highest scores and date taken):

	Math	Verbal	Written	Total	Date Taken
SAT:					
ACT:					

Honors, A/P, C/P or specialized courses taken: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Honors and Awards: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
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Community Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
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List other Scholarship Requests: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
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**College Choices:** Forward College letter(s) of acceptance/financial award with this application for selected college if available.

College or University Name: Rank in order of preference in attending.	Accepted: Answer Y or N	Intended Field of Study
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		

**Referral:** (Give name and phone # of person who referred you to the BEN Scholarship Program)

**Parent/ Guardian Contact Information**

1. Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

2. Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

**Please attach your typed, doubled-spaced essay of 250 words or more as indicated in the scholarship criteria.**

**\*The immediate family of the members of the Merck Black Employees' Network is ineligible to receive monies from the BEN Scholarship Foundation.**

**Please return this entire application, postmarked by **April 09, 2010** to the address below:**

<u>Address:</u>	<u>Contact Information:</u>
<p><b>BEN SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION C/O JOEY GRINKLEY MAILSTOP: WS3W55 MERCK &amp; CO, INC. TWO MERCK DRIVE WHITEHOUSE STATION, NJ 08889</b></p>	<p><b>JOEY GRINKLEY Phone: (908) 423 6166 Fax: (908) 823 3626 Email: JOEY_GRINKLEY@MERCK.COM</b></p>

***Scholarship Criteria (All criteria must be met):***

- The BEN Scholarship Foundation is open to African-American high school seniors who plan to attend an accredited college or university, have a grade point average of B or better, and whose academic records give evidence of scholarly achievement.
- Applicants have to be legal residents of the continental United States.
- Children of Immediate Merck Employees are not eligible due to the 501c3 status of BEN Scholarship Foundation as a non-profit, charitable organization.
- Final candidate selection **will require** a phone interview with the scholarship selection committee. An in-person interview request will only be sent if you are selected as a final candidate.
- All scholarship recipients will be honored and **must attend** the annual BEN Scholarship Foundation Black-Tie Dinner.

***Application Submission Requirement Checklist:***

- Proof of enrollment and/or admission letters to attend an accredited 2- or 4-year college or university. Please forward a copy of the admission and financial award letters sent by the school.
- Financial award letters from college or university you have chosen to attend or from all institutions you are considering attending.
- Financial aid (FASA) form
- An **official high school transcript** (includes school seal or authorized signature on transcript in a sealed envelope).
- A **typed 250-word essay** describing why the scholarship should be awarded to you must accompany the application. (Note: Spelling, punctuation, and grammar are important.) The essay should include:
  - The applicant's career goals and why obtaining a higher education is important to him/her.
  - Curricular and extra-curricular activities that are not evident from the transcript submitted.
  - All extenuating circumstances that should be considered by the scholarship committee in assessing financial need.
- Include any other supporting information you want to committee to consider (for available: Résumé, letters of recommendation)

***Scholarship Award Process:***

- 1) Final candidates will be selected six to eight weeks after the application deadline.
- 2) All scholarship recipients will be honored and **must attend** the annual BEN Scholarship Foundation Black-Tie Dinner. (If you are unable to attend, please notify the Scholarship Foundation.)
- 3) Scholarship monies will be distributed to the students pending the following:
  - a) The BEN Scholarship Foundation Committee receives **official** copy of first semester's grades within 90 days of the completion of the semester.
  - b) Proof of enrollment for the Spring semester
  - c) A first semester grade point average of 3.0 or better was obtained. (If a 3.0 GPA was not obtained, please contact the Scholarship Foundation. Additional information may be required to obtain scholarship monies.)
- 4) The number of awards given and the award amount may vary. Scholarships awards are for a maximum of \$5,000 USD.

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