



Black Foundation of Community Networks

3rd Annual BFCN Aim 2 Achieve Award

Thank you for showing interest in applying for the 2017/2018 3rd Annual Black Foundation of Community Networks (BFCN) Aim 2 Achieve Award. The BFCN scholarship program was created to recognize outstanding Black students with bright futures as upcoming leaders and dreamers in their communities. The Aim 2 Achieve Award will recognize a special Black youth who has overcome adversity in their life in order to achieve. The recipient of the \$1000 award will be a student graduating from secondary school or CEGEP who will be attending an accredited Canadian University or College in September 2017. Perseverance and dedication are two qualities that the Aim 2 Achieve winner must embody and believe in. Achievement exists in many different forms and we want to hear about yours!

Selection Criteria

- Must identify as a Black student
- Must be graduating high school or CEGEP in June 2017 and attending an accredited Canadian post-secondary institution in September 2017
- Demonstrates perseverance that has led to overcoming adversity
- Successful candidates must participate in and promote the BFCN #ReadToLead program, an annual reading campaign in March to celebrate Black authors
- Successful candidates must promote the BFCN Scholarship Directory within their networks

How to Apply

- Complete the application package
- Submit a 5-minute video showing us why and how you Aim 2 Achieve and what achievement means to you. Be creative! OR write us your story in 500 words!
- Submit two reference letters
 - One from a community organization/member
 - One from a chosen family member* (See Page 5 for details)
- Mail the package to BFCN by **July 31st 2017** (See address below)

Selection

Award recipients will be selected by the BFCN Scholarship Committee based on the above criteria. The final recipients will be announced in the fall of 2017 and will be presented at our 8th Annual BFCN Dinner and Dance Fundraiser on **February 24th 2018**. Application packages along with all supporting documents must be received or postmarked no later than **July 31st 2017**. E-mail or fax applications will NOT be accepted except for the video file which must be emailed to info@bfcn.ca (See Page 3 for details). Please send the rest of the application package to the following address:

Attn: Scholarship Committee
BFCN Scholarship Program
6 - 6150 Highway 7
Suite 431
Woodbridge, Ontario
L4H 0R6

**Application Form 2017/2018****PART A****PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Gender: _____ Date of Birth: (YYYY/MM/DD)

Permanent Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail Address:
_____Citizenship Status: Canadian Citizen Permanent Resident Other _____

How did you hear about this scholarship? Check all that apply:

1. [BFCN Scholarship Directory](#)
2. BFCN Website: www.bfcn.ca
3. BFCN Social Media ([Facebook](#) OR [Twitter](#))
4. [Friday Focus](#)
5. School: _____
6. Other: _____

PART B**PROGRAM OF STUDY**

Name of Institution: _____

Faculty: _____ Program: _____

Address of Institution: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

(Expected) Start Date: _____ (Expected) Date of Completion: _____

Years of Program of Study: _____

Please provide proof of acceptance and/or enrollment to an accredited Canadian University or College with your application.



EDUCATIONAL HISTORY

Name of High School or CEGEP: _____

Address of Institution: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Certificate or Diploma Completed: _____

Date of Attendance: From: _____ To: _____

This award is not based on academic performance. You do not need to submit a transcript with your application package. However, if you are demonstrating perseverance through academic achievement, please provide an up-to-date official transcript with your application.

PART C

VIDEO APPLICATION

Submit a 5 minute video showing how you Aim 2 Achieve. We want to hear your story! Show us how you've overcome adversity in your life and how you've worked to achieve your goals. Show us how you plan to continue to achieve during this next chapter in your educational journey. What does achievement look like to you? Feel like to you? What does achievement mean to you? Be creative. Feel free to use different mediums or elements such as poetry, art, music, acting or storytelling!

Video must be submitted using either [WeTransfer](#) or by uploading it to YouTube and sharing the video link with us. Please send the video to info@bfcn.ca with the email subject heading: Aim 2 Achieve Award: YOUR FIRST NAME, YOUR LAST NAME.

OR

WRITTEN STORY

Tell us your story in 500 words based on the same questions as above:



**PART D****SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS****i) REFERENCES**

Please include two sealed reference letters from a community organization/member AND your chosen family member. Letters from community organizations should be printed on letterhead.

*We want to hear what one of your loved ones has to say about you! We recognize that family does not always mean someone who you're related to which is why you can choose anyone in your life who you consider to be family.

Community Reference

Reference's Name: _____

Reference's Number: _____

Chosen Family Reference

Reference's Name: _____

Reference's Number: _____

ii) PROOF OF ACCEPTANCE

Please provide proof that you have been accepted to an accredited Canadian University or College. A photocopy of the original document is sufficient.

iii) PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPH

Please include a passport size head shot photograph to be used in BFCN promotional material if you are selected as a recipient.



I hereby declare that the information I am submitting in support of my application for the 2017/2018 BFCN 3rd Annual Aim 2 Achieve Award is, to the best of my knowledge, correct and complete. I understand that all of the documents I have submitted with this application will not be returned to me.

Applicant's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Thank you very much for applying for the 3rd Annual BFCN Aim 2 Achieve Award. We wish you the best of luck! BFCN has also created an annual Scholarship Directory which is available online [here](#). Please view it for more scholarships available to students like yourself! For any further information regarding BFCN, the Scholarship Program or the Scholarship Directory, please like our page on [Facebook](#), follow us on [Twitter](#) or contact BFCN at:

416-566-2731

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www.bfcn.ca

Twitter: [@BFCN2011](#)

Facebook: [BFCN - Black Foundation of Community Networks](#)

Together we can achieve success, one student, one adult, one family at a time.