

**Guidelines for the  
Oliver L. Johnson and William A. Lester Families Fund**

Scholarships to provide educational opportunities for deserving students in financial need.

The following criteria will apply:

1. Attend high school at/in: *Allegheny, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Greene, Washington, or Westmoreland County*
2. Demonstrate financial need.
3. Use scholarship at: 2 or 4 yr college or tech school
4. Preference will be given to black African students born in Ghana, Liberia, Nigeria, Senegal-Gambia, Zaire, Kenya or Cameroon, or African American students.
5. Complete an application.
6. Maintain a GPA of: 2.50
7. Write and submit an essay: *A 300 word essay setting forth the factors that have contributed to both your successes and failures in life, mentioning any specific individual(s) who has provided you with a positive role model. Include your vision of the goals toward which you would like to strive upon the completion of your formal education.*

Final selection of the scholarship winners will be decided (subject to the approval of the Board of Directors of The Pittsburgh Foundation) by a Scholarship Advisory Committee of The Pittsburgh Foundation. The Advisory Committee consists of three to five persons from the community at large. *No member of the Advisory Committee, or his or her immediate family, is eligible for scholarship assistance during his or her tenure on the Advisory Committee.*

The Pittsburgh Foundation shall notify the chosen scholarship recipient(s) of its decision. The scholarship payment will be made annually after The Pittsburgh Foundation's June Board Meeting, and after the selected student notifies the Foundation about the school he or she will be attending. Payment will be made to the school for the student.

**Oliver L. Johnson and William A. Lester Families Fund  
Application**

**APPLICANT DATA**

Name:	<input type="text"/>
Date of Birth:	<input type="text"/>
Home Address:	<input type="text"/>
City, State, Zip:	<input type="text"/>
Email:	<input type="text"/>
Telephone:	<input type="text"/>

**SCHOOL INFORMATION**

Current High School or College:	<input type="text"/>
City, State, Zip:	<input type="text"/>
Telephone #:	<input type="text"/>
Month/Year of Graduation:	<input type="text"/>
Grade Point Avg.:	<input type="text"/>
Current Year in school	<input type="text"/>
Institution at which to use scholarship	<input type="text"/>

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Names of Parent(s) or Legal Guardian(s) and their Respective Occupations:

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List names and ages of brothers and sisters who are under the age of 21 and indicate whether they are currently attending school beyond the high school level and if so, whether they are receiving financial aid:

Name of sibling	School Attending	Receiving Financial Aid?
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If you anticipate receiving financial assistance or scholarships from any other sources, please describe them, including the amounts expected, below.

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Do you have a part-time job? If so, where?

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On a separate sheet of paper, describe your duties, hours, and pay. If you do not work, please explain why.

Estimated yearly tuition:

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Have you filed a copy of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

### **APPLICANT ESSAY**

A 300 word essay setting forth the factors that have contributed to both your successes and failures in life, mentioning any specific individual(s) who has provided you with a positive role model. Include your vision of the goals toward which you would like to strive upon the completion of your formal education.

### **LETTERS OF REFERENCE**

Please submit a personal reference letter from an individual not related to you (person(s) who know your educational goals).

Each reference should include the applicant's name, the name of the person providing the reference, position, signature and date signed. Each reference should address the following: (1) the applicant's general ability; (2) appraisal of the applicant, giving details in the form of examples with regard to leadership ability, citizenship, concern for others, responsibility, initiative and general interest; and (3) qualities that most commend the applicant.

### **GENERAL**

The following items must be received in order to be eligible for a scholarship:

- This application
- Official school transcript
- A copy of the Student Aid Report (SAR) ([What is a SAR?](#))
- Essay(s)

**Mail completed applications by 04/01/2012 to: Oliver L.**

#### **Johnson and William A. Lester Families Fund**

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**(Incomplete applications will not be considered)**