



**15K DEGREES
INITIATIVE**
*Our Education,
Our Community,
Our Goal.*

15,000 DEGREES SCHOLARSHIP



15K Degrees is a new initiative to actively engage and mobilize Louisville's African American community in support of 55,000 Degrees – Greater Louisville's Education Commitment. 15K Degrees seeks to add 15,000 additional post-secondary degrees to Louisville's African American community by 2020.

This is a last dollar grant for up to \$1,500.00 to cover tuition, books and fees. The number of scholarships granted will depend upon the funds available. Although the scholarship is not renewable, students may re-apply each year for consideration.

Eligibility

- Must be a graduating high school student or have attended college in the past (24 months) but did not complete a degree program and not currently attending
- Enrolled to attend one of the following schools: University of Louisville, Bellarmine University, Sullivan University, Spalding University, Kentucky State University, Jefferson Community & Technical College, Indiana University Southeast, or Ivy Tech Community College (Sellersburg, IN)
- Pursuing a bachelors or associates degree
- Demonstrate financial need
- African American descent

Additional Requirements

In order for your application to be considered, the following attachments must be submitted with the completed application:

- Your most recent official academic transcript
- Copy of your letter of acceptance to the school of your choice
- A copy of your Student Aid Report (SAR) furnished by the U.S. Department of Education, indicating your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) toward your college education. You can obtain an application for the Student Aid Report from your school's financial aid office or online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.
- Two letters of recommendation from persons who know you well. May not be a relative.
- On a separate sheet of paper, write an essay (300 words or less) on what higher education means to you.
- A recent photo (head and shoulders) of yourself

Deadline

The deadline for this application is March 15, 2012. For questions contact Gail Sanders at gails@cflouisville.org or 502.585.4649 ext 1025. Return this application with all required attachments to The Community Foundation of Louisville at 325 West Main Street, Suite 1110 Louisville, KY 40202.

