



BlueCross BlueShield
of South Carolina



Columbia
Urban League, Inc.

Empowering Communities.
Changing Lives.

BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina and Columbia Urban League Scholarship 2026

Application

The BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina and Columbia Urban League Scholarship is a non-renewable one-time award, sent directly to the college or university where its recipient will attend school.

***** Application must be postmarked by Friday, March 20, 2026 *****

Criteria

This **\$5000** scholarship is awarded each year to a graduating African-American high school senior who reside in Richland, Lexington, Newberry, Fairfield, Sumter, Clarendon, Kershaw, Lee, and Allendale counties.

Applicants must:

- ✓ Have been a participant in a Columbia Urban League program (this includes Young & Gifted).
- ✓ Have a cumulative grade point average (unweighted) of at least 3.00 to be eligible.
- ✓ Be accepted by an accredited college or university at the time of the scholarship award.
- ✓ Meet financial need requirement.

Applicants must submit the following: (Application will be marked incomplete if any of the below is missing)

- ✓ An official high school transcript
- ✓ A copy of SAT and/or ACT scores
- ✓ Documentation of involvement in community activities and service projects
- ✓ 250 word essay demonstrating financial need
- ✓ Recent photograph
- ✓ Copy of college or university acceptance letter
- ✓ Two letters of recommendation
- ✓ 500 word essay

Last Name

First Name

Middle Initial

Street Address

City

State/Zip

Home Telephone #

Social Security #

Name of High School

Education

List the school you are currently attending:

Name of School _____

Location _____

Dates of Attendance _____

What is your College/University of choice? _____

Why have you chosen this particular school? _____

Activities

List any extracurricular activities and community service activities you have participated in during high school. (Use separate paper if necessary)

Work Experience

Please list any jobs held in the past three years. Include employer, duties and dates of employment. (Use separate paper if necessary)

Achievement

Describe your most meaningful achievement and how it relates to your field of study.

What are your career goals?

Discuss your plans after college as they relate to your chosen career. What impact would this scholarship have on you obtaining a college education?

What is your anticipated major? _____

What influenced you to choose your anticipated college major?

Goals

What personal goals have you set for yourself for the next five (5) years?

Essay: On a separate sheet of paper, type a brief essay (500 words) answering the following question *How have your character, education, and career preparation shaped your journey so far, and in what ways will this scholarship support your future goals and path toward financial independence?*

Family

(For possible news media announcements)

Father's Name:

Living
Deceased

Occupation:

Mother's Name:

Living
Deceased

Occupation:

How many brothers do you have? Older Younger

How many sisters do you have?

Older Younger

Signature of Applicant

Date

Please return to:
Columbia Urban League, Inc.
C/O Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 50125
Columbia, SC 29250-0125

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NOTE: Your application will not be reviewed if any of this information is missing.

BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina Corporate Philosophy of Educational Beliefs

Being a good corporate citizen is part of our business philosophy. At BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina, we are proud to be a strong advocate for education. We believe that education plays a critical role in economic success and growth, not only for the individual but also for the community as a whole.

If we are committed to the prosperity of our state, we must all work together to produce the best-educated citizens. By partnering with the Columbia Urban League, Inc., we can further our commitment while supporting the educational goals of youth who otherwise might not have the opportunity to receive a college or university education.

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