



Southern Delaware Alliance for Racial Justice

... ending racism and its corrosive consequences

2021 Scholarship Application Form

Applicant Name: Deena Johnson Date of Birth: 02/28/2003

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Current High School: Milford Senior High School

School Counselor's Name: Kate Lynch

Email: klynch@msd.k12.de.us Tel: (302) 422-1610 ext. 1113

College(s) or University(ies) applied to/under consideration:

Goldey-Beacom College, Delaware State University, Howard University, Penn State,
George-Mason University

College or University you have chosen (if known): Still Undecided

Affirmation: I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

I understand that if chosen as a scholarship recipient, according to the SDARJ Scholarship policy, I must provide evidence of enrollment/registration at an accredited, not-for-profit postsecondary institution before my scholarship funds can be awarded.

Signature of Applicant: Deena Johnson Date: 4/5/2021

Signature of Parent/Guardian: Candace Johnson Date: 4/5/2021

Complete Application Packets with items 1-6 must be received by/postmarked by April 3, 2021 at:

Charlotte King Scholarship Program
Southern Delaware Alliance for Racial Justice
PO Box 306, Lewes, DE 19958

Thank you for your submission. If you have questions, please contact:
Gwendolyn Miller, grybm@outlook.com

Have You Seen The Other Side?

Martin Luther King, I've got a question. Have you seen the other side? We live in two America's, the one they want the world to see, and reality. It's supposed to be the land of the free, the home of the brave, but it's the home of the white and everyone else is enslaved. MLK you said you've been to the mountaintop, you said you've seen what's ahead. So when does it end? When does the struggle descend? How many times do we have to walk around this city before it falls?

Have you seen the other side? Because right now all I see is police brutality, and murders of black people. It did not end with you. There were those before you like Emmett Till and Malcolm X, and those that were after you, George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, the list goes on. It makes me wonder if I will be next. Will I be murdered for running in the street? Will I be killed while sleeping in my own bed? Will I die gasping for air saying "I can't breathe! No, I do not have a weapon. Please don't shoot." It makes me wonder if that phone call is someone calling to say my father will not be coming home, my brother is in jail, or even worse, they're dead. Everyday I worry about not making it home. Before I leave my house I pray, "Lord bless me to reach my destination and make it home safely."

Have you seen the other side? The side where healthcare is the same for all? Many people are falling all around me. No one is being treated the same, no one is receiving the same treatments. But how could we be treated fairly when it was never meant for us anyway. We are not the priority, no wonder medical textbooks don't give the answers for black people. How can doctors give us the answer if they were never taught how to treat us. They say skin color means nothing but it means everything. They wonder why we have no trust in the COVID vaccine. Maybe it's because every experience we have, we have been treated wrong and violated. Just because a black nurse worked on it doesn't mean it's safe. We've been there done that, we don't need another Loney Gordon. For all we know, it could be another method of population control. Maybe they're starting to feel bad for cutting out my mother's ovary without saying a word. But it wasn't just her, those women at the border it was them too. But it wasn't just them, see black women walking the streets, it was them too.

Have you seen the other side? MLK you said silence is betrayal, but here noise can bring death. When we peacefully protest for human rights, we are thugs, and we need to be punished. We get tear gassed, pushed, beaten, and arrested for walking the streets we built. I know you've been there and done that, seen that, felt and experienced that, but let me tell you only the face of America changed. We still live in the Jim Crow, segregation, live low, slave nation. It works for the white but hurts the black.

Have you seen the other side? Just like you Dr. King, we're still waiting for our nightmare to turn into a dream, your dream. We're still waiting to be free at last. We're waiting for police brutality and murders to end. We're waiting for healthcare to be safe for us. We're waiting to speak and not be silenced.

And so I ask MLK, have you seen the other side of America, its second face? We want reality to be what the world sees. When does it become the land of the free, the home of the brave? A place of liberty and justice for all? For when there is justice there will be peace. When you looked over the mountaintop, when you saw what was ahead what did you see? Was the face of America finally the same?

Deena Johnson

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Summary

A high school senior looking to gain expertise, education, and/or more work experience in the Health and Business Administration field of work.

Education

Milford Senior High School, Milford, DE

- Expected Graduation Year 2021
- Weighted GPA 4.42
- Pathways: Allied Health, Business Management, Teacher Academy, Finance
- Advanced Placement Classes
- Honors Student

Delaware Technical Community College, Georgetown, DE

- GPA 4.0
- Dual Enrollment Classes

Experience

Michael and Sons Lawn Service | Lincoln, DE

August 2017 – Present | Helping prepare the equipment for service. Also preparing lawns for cutting.

Babysitting | Lincoln, DE

August 2017 – Present | Taking care of young children while their parents are away at events.

Cleaning for Charity Shockley | Lincoln, DE

August 2017 – Present | Cleaning the house and washing windows.

NAF Intern | Virtual

March 2021 – Present | Assisting in meetings and working on a session for the NAF Next conference.

Extracurriculars

- Business Professionals of America | Treasurer | Milford Senior High School

November 2018 – Present

- Distributive Education Clubs of America

November 2018 – Present

- Health Occupations Students of America

November 2019 – Present

- Girls Lacrosse | Milford Senior High School

March 2017 – Present

- National Honor Society | Milford Senior High School

November 2019 – Present

- Math League | Milford Senior High School

October 2019 – Present

- Church Choir | Secretary | Pentecostal Church of God of Lincoln Inc.

August 2017 – Present

- Volunteering

August 2017 – Present

Awards & Acknowledgements

- Certification in Business Communications I
- Certification in Microsoft PowerPoint
- Certification in Microsoft Word
- Award for winning Small Business Management Team
- Honor Roll (Kindergarten- 11th Grade)

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Skills

- Typing 43 words per minute
- Strong basic knowledge in Spanish (reading and writing)

April 2021

Dear Sir or Madam:

Deena Johnson is a high school senior who is determined to attend college and obtain further education after graduation; her plan is to continue through to graduate level and earn her Doctorate degree. Although our family has met with many financial difficulties, she has proved that in spite of socioeconomic disadvantages, she can thrive. She has excelled academically since elementary school and I have no doubt that, with the financial assistance that she will need, she will continue to excel and achieve great success.

In spite of our low budget due to the necessity to raise our family of 10 on a single income, Deena has managed to make a positive mark in her school, in our church, and in our community at large. For a time, we received public assistance and relied on charities for basic needs (and we currently have 2 children who are in college) but Deena doesn't let any of this hinder her. She has proved that a person's economic standing does not define their character.

Our prayer is that with your help, she will continue to be an asset to those around her.

I would like to personally thank you for considering my daughter as a possible recipient of your scholarship; your time and consideration is greatly appreciated.

Yours,
Candace Johnson
18074 Johnson Road
Lincoln, DE 19960

Deena's (Student's) Statement:

To whom it may concern:

Hello my name is Deena Johnson. I am a senior at Milford Senior High School. I am an honors student who participates in a variety of extracurricular activities in and outside of school. I strive to do my best in everything that I do.

Since I have not made a college decision yet, I am not sure where I am going to attend. Every school has a different tuition, and I am trying to find the lowest cost. I am trying my hardest to get scholarships. Although I have applied to many, right now I have not received any. The only scholarships I do have are Merit Scholarships from the Colleges. I have plans to go straight through school to obtain my Doctorates degree. I am aware that college, and especially graduate school is expensive. I would like to live my life free of college debt and student loans. Education is important to me, my parents are constantly pushing me to do my best and go as far as I can. Once received, education is something no one can take away.

I just recently started an internship in the middle of March. Before that, I never had a job before. That being said, I do not have college savings or a college fund. It seems that I will have to rely on scholarships to get me through college. My parents have put 5 children in college, and have two more after me. That being said, I am not sure how much they will be able to contribute.

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I believe this scholarship will be of great benefit, and help me go far. I thank you and appreciate you for your consideration.

Respectfully,
Deena Johnson

Milford



High School

HOME of the BUCCANEERS

January 6, 2021

ADMINISTRATION

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Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter should serve as a recommendation for Deena Johnson. Presently, Deena is a Senior at Milford Senior High School, Milford, DE. It has been both a pleasure and honor to be a part of Deena's life. I have known Deena for three year as one of my Business Professionals of America members and officers, student, volunteer, and youth leader.

As a student, Deena demonstrated a sincere desire for learning and a commitment to excellence that is far beyond her peers. She was insightful and quickly grasped the concepts that demonstrated her intelligence and giftedness in business and computers. Over the year, Deena has extended her commitment to the community and peers as a volunteer and peer listener. Not only has she maintained her high academics through class work, dual enrollment and being part of the academic challenge program, but also, she has demonstrated her talents in girls' lacrosse, Business Professionals of America, DECA, and provision of community service. In my years as an educator, I have had the joy of being part of the future of thousands of students and Deena has proved to be a frontrunner.

The person Deena is one who exemplifies that type of youth that makes parents and communities proud. The Deenas of this world give hope for our future. She possesses the type of qualities that describe outstanding individuals, such as, integrity, determination, cooperation, pleasantness, a positive attitude, leadership, team player, and a strong work ethic. I believe Deena would be an asset to any organization and I am confident she meets the criteria you seek in an individual. Therefore, it is without hesitation that I submit this recommendation.

Sincerely,

Rose P. Parker

Rose P. Parker, MBA
Business Technology Teacher/Instructional Coach
Business Professionals of America Advisor

Student Transcript

To: Johnson, Deena Lynette
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 1019 North Walnut Street
 Milford, DE 19963

Jesse Parsley
 (302) 422-1610
CEEB #: 080100

Student: Johnson, Deena Lynette

Phone: (302) 422-0588

Student ID 125539

Birth Date: 2/28/2003

Grade: 12

Graduation Date:

A+= 95-100 A= 90-94 B+= 85-89 B= 80-84 C+= 75-79 C=70-74
 D= 65-69 F= Failing P= Passing I= Incomplete

Year: 2017-18

Grade: 09

Year: 2018-19

Grade: 10

Building: Milford High School

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Building	Course	Final	Credit	Course	Final	Credit
	AP Human Geography	89	1	American Literature-ACE035	87	1
	British Literature-ACE034	B+	1	Anatomy & Physiology	94	1
	Business, Finance & Marketing	98	1	AP Government & Politics	91	1
	Communication Tech I		0	Biology - Honors	86	1
	Fundamentals of Health Science	100	1	Business Management II	94	1
180999	Geometry	A	1	Drivers Education	88	0.5
	Human Growth & Development	98	1	Essentials of Health Careers	97	1
	Physical Education	100	1	Health	97	0.5
	Physical Science - Honors	88	1	Pre-Calculus-ACM023	89	1
	Prob & Statistics-ACM022	B+	1	Teaching as a Profession	96	1
	Spanish I	94	1	Trig/PreCalculus B-ACM032	B	1
	Spanish II	96	1	Writing&Research-ACE040	B	1
180999	World Litature	B	1			
			GPA: 4.2708			Credit: 12.000
				GPA: 4.1818		Credit: 11.000

Year: 2019-20

Grade: 11

Year: 2020-21

Grade: 12

Building: Milford High School

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Course	Final	Credit	Building	Course	Final	Credit
AP Psychology	95	1		Acad of Finance WBL		0
Business Management III	96	1	180999	African American Literature	A	1
Chemistry - Honors	93	1		DTCC SOC 111 Sociology I	90	1
Crit/Rdg/Writ-ACE041	A	1		Ess of Pub Heath/Comm Health		0
DTCC Anat. & Phys. BI0120	97	1		Financial Services		0
DTCC: MAT 281 Calculus I	92	1		Intro to Hosp & Tourism		0
DTCC: ENG 124 Oral Comm.	95	1	180999	MGMT100 Intro to Business	A	1
Finite Math A/C	96	1		Principles of Accounting	99	1
Foundations of Curr & Instr. (D Lunch)	99	1	180999	PSYC201 Intro to General Psychology	A	1
Fundamentals of Finance (B Lunch)	98	1		Senior Option	P	0
U S History - CP	100	1	180999	Statistics I	A	1
			GPA: 4.8182			Credit: 11.000
				GPA: 4.5417		Credit: 6.000

3/22/2021

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Type	GPA	Rank
Cumulative Non-Weighted GPA	3.8875	13 / 248
Cumulative Weighted GPA	4.4375	11 / 248
Total Credit:	40.000	

Official Signature: _____

NOTE: Transcript is unofficial unless signed and sealed by a school official.

Grad Date: _____ Diploma Number: 125539