

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

For Senior High School Students



Liberia Education Advancement Project, Inc.

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A. About Financial Assistance from **L.E.A.P.**

1. **LEAP** wants to help provide funding for the tuition and other school expenses of students who are in need and who qualify for assistance. At present, **LEAP** will award each approved high school student a scholarship of up to \$250.00 USD (*two hundred and fifty US dollars*) per year.
2. To be approved for assistance, or for continuing assistance, **LEAP** requires a student in high school to maintain an overall average of at least 80%.
3. It is **LEAP's** desire, not only to educate, but to educate educators. Therefore, at some point while you are receiving scholarship assistance for high school, **LEAP** may want to discuss with you your plans for college. There are job opportunities in the field of education in Liberia, that **LEAP** is interested in seeing filled. Upon graduation from college, this could be an opportunity for you to have immediate employment as a teacher and to gain job experience. Please know that any obligation to work with **LEAP** in this way, following your graduation from college, would be for a clearly-defined period of time.

B. Instructions for Completing this Application to **L.E.A.P.**

1. As a high school student, you will need to submit an application for assistance every year.
2. Please print clearly when you provide the information that is required. And be truthful. If this form is incomplete or inaccurate, the processing of your application could be delayed or terminated.
3. The board of **LEAP** requires you, the applicant, to describe any family relationship that may exist between you and any current **LEAP** board member and/or **LEAP** representative (*see questions 7. and 8. in the fill-in portion of this application form*). If you are related to a **LEAP** board member or representative, that person will be excluded from all scholarship award discussions regarding you. Furthermore, if you are the relative of either a **LEAP** board member or a **LEAP** representative, you will be required to comply with certain **LEAP** policies in order to receive **LEAP** scholarship money.
4. If this is your first time applying to **LEAP** for assistance with your high school education, then you will need to submit one letter of recommendation from the principal of your school.
5. If you are applying for assistance for your first year of high school, then you will need to submit photocopies of your 9th-grade school diploma and your 9th grade WAEC certificate, if these are available. Your **LEAP** representative may want to see your original documents. (If you do not have these documents yet, then you will need to give photocopies of them to your **LEAP** representative, as soon as you can.)
6. Each year that you apply, **LEAP** will need a recent, good-quality, color photograph of you. Feel free to ask your **LEAP** representative to take this picture for you, so that **LEAP** can have this photo as a high-resolution computer file.
7. Before submitting your completed application and other requirements, make sure that you have not forgotten anything! The checklist at the end of this application form should help.



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- You must contact your LEAP representative in Liberia, either in person or by phone, to receive instructions regarding how your application form and the other supporting documents are to be given to him/her. Do NOT send them by a friend, or by any other means, unless you have the representative's prior approval.
- If you have any question about any part of this form, please contact your **LEAP** representative and ask!

C. Information That **L.E.A.P.** Needs to Have.

Personal Information:

- Your Name: _____
- Your Street Address: _____
- City or Town: _____ 4. County: _____
- Phone Number (where **LEAP** can contact you): _____
- Email Address (where **LEAP** can contact you): _____

Possible Family Relationship:

- Are you related in any way to a **LEAP** board member, or a **LEAP** representative, or someone in their family? Yes _____ No _____
- If "Yes", please use these lines to describe the relationship: _____

Academic Information:

- What is the name of the school you are hoping to attend, with the help of this **LEAP** scholarship?

- What is the name of the school you are attending now? *(If it is the same school, name it again.)*



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11. Circle the grade you are in now: (8th 9th 10th 11th 12th)
12. What is your average so far this year, in the grade you have circled above? _____ %
13. Circle the grade you were in last year: (7th 8th 9th 10th 11th)
14. What was your final average last year, in the grade you have circled above? _____ %
15. If you are already in senior high, what junior high school(s) did you attend?

16. What was your overall 9th grade average? _____ %
17. If there was a WAEC exam when you were in 9th grade, did you pass the national exam? _____
18. What was your 9th grade national exam average? _____ %

D. Required Essay for **LEAP**.

Using the lines provided for you on the next page, please write at least half a page, telling us something about your academic goals and why you think you should be awarded this scholarship from **LEAP**. *Without this essay, **LEAP** cannot award you any scholarship assistance (or any further scholarship assistance, if you are already receiving help from **LEAP**).*



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Your Essay for *LE.A.P.* (see section D. at the bottom of page 3).

E. Your Agreement with *L.E.A.P.*

When you have completed this application form and written the required essay, please initial each of the following statements. In this way you are indicating that you have read each statement and that you agree with it. Finally, you will need to place your signature and the date at the bottom.

_____ I certify that the information I have provided to *LEAP* in this application is true, to the best of my knowledge.

_____ I understand that I must maintain high grades (that is, an average of at least 80%), in order to qualify for scholarship funding from *LEAP*.

_____ I understand that scholarship funding from *LEAP* for a high school student will be limited to no more than \$250 US per year.

_____ I understand that *LEAP* may want to discuss with me my plans for college and my availability for a job in the field of education, following my graduation from college.

_____ I grant my permission for all information in this application to be shared with the Trustees and Representatives of *LEAP*.

_____ I grant my permission for *LEAP* to use my name, my photo, and the personal information I have provided, to raise scholarship funds for me and other Liberian students.

Applicant's signature: _____

Date: _____

F. Checklist for Submitting Your Application to *L.E.A.P.*

Before submitting your application, make sure that you have not overlooked anything. To help you, here is a list of the items you need to submit to your *LEAP* representative:

- 1. APPLICATION FORM:** Have you completely filled in all parts of the application form that apply to you? Have you printed all the information clearly?
- 2. LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION:** Have you included the required letter of recommendation?
- 3. JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA:** If you are starting high school (10th grade), have you included a photocopy of your 9th grade school diploma, or will you submit it later? Are you prepared to show your *LEAP* representative your original 9th grade diploma?
- 4. WAEC CERTIFICATE:** If you are starting high school (10th grade), have you included a photocopy of your West Africa Examination Council 9th grade certificate (if you have one), or will you submit it later? Are you prepared to show your *LEAP* representative your original WAEC certificate?
- 5. PHOTO:** Have you included a recent, high-quality photo of yourself (or instead, have you asked your *LEAP* representative to take this picture for you)?