

**ZAMI NOBLA:**  
*National Organization of Black Lesbians on Aging*



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**THE AUDRE LORDE SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

From 1995- 2008, the Audre Lorde Scholarship Fund, founded by Mary Anne Adams and administered by ZAMI: Atlanta's Premiere Organization for Lesbians of African Descent based in Atlanta, Georgia awarded over \$200,000 in scholarships and expenses to out LGBT students of color globally. In 2013, the scholarship fund was re- launched by ZAMI NOBLA to provide scholarship assistance solely to black lesbians over 40 in the United States.

**PURPOSE OF AWARDS**

The *Audre Lorde Scholarship Awards* are designed to recognize **out\*** black lesbians making significant contributions to their communities. ZAMI NOBLA wants to support and encourage their continuing education by providing scholarships to those women enrolled in accredited technical, undergraduate and graduate programs.

**Out\* is defined as an acknowledgement of lesbian identify to self, and to family, friends, and community.**

**ELIGIBILITY**

- An out black lesbian who is 40 years old or older attending any technical, undergraduate or graduate school located in the United States
- Accepted or registered at a post-secondary educational institution for full or part-time attendance as defined by the institution
- Cumulative high school/college/or technical school grade point average of 3.0 or higher

Please do not submit an application if you do not meet the eligibility requirements as your application will not be reviewed. No exceptions to the eligibility requirements are considered. The Fund does not offer scholarships for weekend programs, summer sessions, research, special projects, or for study out of the country.

## **REQUIREMENTS**

- Submit official/unofficial up- to- date academic transcript (s) supporting the GPA entered on your application. You may send transcripts only from your most recent school(s), provided two semesters of study are included.
- Acceptance letter if you are an entering freshman or transfer student.
- Completion of two of five essay questions outlined in the application.
- Do not combine answers. Each essay answer must be at least a page in length.
- Three letters of recommendations~ one must be from a teacher/ professor, one must be from a supervisor/ mentor, and one from an activist/organizer in the LGBT community.  
**NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- A recent photograph suitable for publication; i.e., a cap and gown picture, or other professional quality headshot photograph. We prefer to receive photographs by email.  
**Application will not be accepted if a clean headshot is not enclosed. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!**

## **AWARDS**

Scholarship Amount ----- \$1000

## **APPLICATION DEADLINE**

Black Lesbians interested in obtaining an application should send an email to [zaminobla@gmail.com](mailto:zaminobla@gmail.com)

We cannot and do not mail applications.

All application materials must be postmarked by July 30, 2016 and mailed to:

ZAMI NOBLA  
P.O. Box 90986  
Atlanta, Georgia 30364

We prefer that all application materials be mailed as one package. If the references or transcript(s) are mailed under separate cover, the student is responsible for making sure that we receive it on or before the deadline.

\*We require that you also email one application package with the exception of transcripts and recommendation letters to [zaminobla@gmail.com](mailto:zaminobla@gmail.com)

Incomplete or late applications will not be reviewed. **(NO EXCEPTIONS)**

*Audre Lorde Scholarship Application*

We cannot confirm receipt of your application; therefore we recommend you use a delivery confirmation and tracking system, such as the USPS registered mail.

Awards are for the current academic year only and by law are paid directly to the recipient and the academic institution. Please send proof of official registration to ZAMI NOBLA at the beginning of the school year.

A scholarship committee reviews applications.

Finalists may be invited to participate in a telephone interview.

Checks not processed with the academic institution within 90 days of receipt will be rendered null and void by the Audre Lorde Scholarship Fund.

***Early applications are encouraged.*** Recipients may re- apply each year.

Awardees will be notified on or before August 30, 2016.

**Application for The Audre Lorde Scholarship Fund**  
P.O. Box 90986, Atlanta, Georgia 30364

PLEASE TYPE / PRINT ALL INFORMATION  
*Deadline (post-mark) for this application is July 30, 2016*



Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First MI

Mailing Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Home/Cell Phone

\_\_\_\_\_

Email address

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Permanent Address If Different From Mailing Address

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Telephone # where you can be reached after August 1, 2016: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

**ACADEMIC INFORMATION**

Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle One: Undergraduate                  Graduate

Student Classification: \_\_\_\_\_

Enrollment Status Full-time \_\_\_\_\_ Part-time \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Registrar's/ Financial Aid Office:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Registrar's Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Area of Study: \_\_\_\_\_ Minor \_\_\_\_\_

Current GPA \_\_\_\_\_ Expected Year of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

**ACADEMIC INVOLVEMENT**

List Academic Honors/Awards or Extracurricular Accomplishments:

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## ESSAY QUESTIONS

Please write a 1-2 page essay answering two of the five following questions. Please do not combine questions.

1. How important is being “out” for you? We are especially interested in hearing about important experiences, interests and abilities as they intersect sexual orientation, race, class and gender.
2. What are your dreams for the future? When you look back on your life in twenty years, what would it take for you to consider that you have successfully aged? How does this particular scholarship fit into your plans for the future?
3. How would your friends characterize you as a lesbian leader/activist/organizer/scholar? What would they write about if they were writing your scholarship essay for you?
4. Consider your favorite books, movies, works of art, etc. have these influenced your life in a meaningful way? Why are they your favorites?
5. What was the most difficult time in your life and why? How did your perspective on life change as a result of the difficulty?

\*Please note: You can attach any additional examples of your work or a video tape/DVD introducing yourself if you feel this will make your application stronger. **This is not in lieu of the application or written essays. ZAMI NOBLA will not return any items.**

### DECLARATION (Must be signed for application to be considered)

I declare that the information provided above and attached is both accurate and truthful, and I will refund my scholarship if it is not.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

***Deadline (post-mark) for this application is July 30, 2016 (No Exceptions)***