Freedom's Future
Social Engagement Scholarship Program
Sponsored by the Onslow County NAACP Branch
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Purpose: The Social Engagement Scholarship Program is a scholarship lottery for teens 13-17 who actively participate in the Onslow County community. The program is intended to introduce participating youth to the social network that power the community in a way that helps them understand how their community works. By providing our youth insight into social issues/events present in their own community, we can help them determine where they are needed within their community and ways they can contribute. It also better prepares them for the realities of the world they will be entering as they transition toward adulthood. Ultimately, this program is intended to provide an aspect of education that is missing from conventional education and helps counter the school-to-prison pipeline with a step toward a school-to-leadership pipeline.

Method: Participating candidates will be awarded points for engaging in social/civic organizations, businesses, and education within the community that focus on life skills and social engagement. Opportunities will be provided by the Onslow County NAACP Branch and registered community partners. At the end of the program, students will become eligible for a drawing for one of three scholarships based on the total number of points they accumulate during the program.

Endstate: Participants will be more familiar with the day-to-day operations of their overall community in Onslow County and develop a better understanding of the work that occurs in the community to provide a fair and safe environment for all members of the community. Participants will also develop relationship with community organizations, experience community events, and learn from leaders who make the community successful. These relationships and experiences will provide a more personal connection to the community, thereby increasing the chance for a more understanding and/or engaged member of the community. Ultimately, participants will have an opportunity to receive a $1000, $500, or $250 scholarship to be used however you wish (Ex: pay for school expenses, buy clothes, start an investment fund, etc.)

Registered Community Partners (RCP): RCPs will register to participate and contribute in the program. RCPs will be required to provide at least two opportunities during which scholarship candidates can do one of the following:

- volunteer
- learn in the areas of life skill and/or social awareness
- attend a community-centered event

Benefits of an RCP: By participating RCPs will gain the following:

- community service opportunity
- exposure to the public
- potential volunteers
- potential future members
- becoming a part of community network that helps to serve our county

RCP Registration Requirements:

- $100 registration fee ($75 - scholarship fund/$25 – administrative/marketing fees)

- Must provide services/goods/classes in Onslow County
- Must be able to provide an explanation regarding how your organization ties into life skills and/or social awareness in writing
- Must have at least two events available for candidates