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| **APPLICATION GUIDELINES** |

The Black Student Cultural Programming Board (BSCPB) is accepting applications for the annual Blackburn/Spencer Scholarship and Achievement Awards. These awards are presented to recognize Ohio University Athens campus students for outstanding academic performance and contributions made to the university community. These awards were named after and were established to honor the first African-American female graduate of Ohio University – Martha Jane Hunley Blackburn, and the first African-American chairman of Ohio University’s Board of Trustees – Donald A. Spencer.

**Blackburn/Spencer Scholarship:** freshmen, sophomores, juniors and continuing seniors who have achieved a **minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA**, **have completed 24 semester hours, and demonstrate leadership and community involvement** are eligible for the Blackburn/Spencer Scholarship. At least three scholarships will be awarded for a minimum of $1,200 each. Payments of the scholarship will be divided equally over the two semesters and will be applied directly to the student’s account to cover tuition and fees for the 2017-2018 academic year.

**Blackburn/Spencer Achievement Awards:** This award is designed to recognize outstanding and significant performance of students both inside and outside the classroom. All achievement award recipients will be presented with a minimum financial award of $500. Students must be currently enrolled on the Athens campus, achieved a **minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA** **and have completed 24 semester hours** prior to receipt of the award to be eligible for this award.

The award selection committee must consist of a maximum of five members, one being the advisor of the Black Student Cultural Programming Board, and one faculty member. The selection committee is responsible for reviewing the applications and selecting the award recipients.

Award recipients will be honored **Wednesday, April 5, 2017, during the Annual Leadership Awards Gala.**

Applicants must complete the attached application form and return it to:

**Office of Multicultural Programs**

**205 Baker University Center**

**Deadline: Friday, February 10, 2017, 5:00 p.m.**

For additional information, contact the Office of Multicultural Programs at (740) 593-4027.

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| **SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA** |

1. Currently enrolled on the Athens campus. Students must have **completed at least 24 semester hours** prior to receipt of the award. Continuing seniors must be enrolled at least one semester during the 2017-2018 academic year to be eligible.
2. **A 3.0 cumulative grade point average** at the end of the 2016 Fall Semester.
3. A brief autobiography that includes the following items: 1) Your reasons for applying; 2) Personal/family background; 3) Highlights from your extracurricular activities, community service and leadership experience; and 4) Career aspirations. Your autobiography should be no more than three typed pages.
4. All scholarship applicants must have a 2017-2018 FAFSA (Free Applicant for Federal Student Aid) on file in the O.U. Office of Financial Aid.
5. Two letters of reference from OU faculty or staff.
6. Finalists may be interviewed by the Scholarship Committee.

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| **ACHIEVEMENT AWARD CRITERIA** |

1. Currently enrolled on the Athens campus. Must have **completed at least 24 semester hours** prior to receipt of the award. Continuing seniors must be enrolled at least one semester during the 2017-2018 academic year to be eligible.
2. A **2.5 cumulative grade point average** by the end of the 2016 Fall Semester
3. A brief autobiography that includes: 1) your reasons for applying; 2) personal/family background; 3) Highlights of your extracurricular activities, community service and leadership experience; and 4) career aspirations. Autobiography should be no more than three typed pages.
4. Involvement in campus activities
5. Two letters of reference from OU faculty or staff.

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| **APPLICATION INFORMATION** |

Applications can be picked up in the Office of Multicultural Programs, 205 Baker University Center. Contact the Multicultural Center at (740) 593-4027 for further information.

Deadline for applications and supporting documents (two letters of reference and essay) is **Friday, February 10, 2017, at 5:00 p.m**. All materials should be returned to the Office of Multicultural Programs, 205 Baker University Center.

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| **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** |

At least three scholarships will be awarded. The scholarship amount will be applied directly to the student’s 2017-2018 tuition and fees. ***Please note: The Blackburn/Spencer Awards may impact a student’s financial aid package.***

All scholarship and achievement award recipients will be recognized during the **Annual Leadership Awards Gala on Wednesday, April 5, 2017.**

***The Black Student Cultural Programming Board and the Blackburn/Spencer Scholarship Committee***

***appreciate your interest in the Blackburn/Spencer Scholarship and Achievement Awards.***