THE LINKS, INCORPORATED OVERVIEW

**The Links, Incorporated** is an international, not-for-profit corporation established in 1946. The membership consists of more than 16,000 professional women of color who operate 288 regional chapters in the United States and abroad. It is one of the nation’s oldest and largest volunteer service organizations with a distinct commitment to strengthening and enriching the cultural and economic well-being of African American communities using strategies such as fund-raising, education, advocacy, and volunteering.

SELMA (AL) CHAPTER OF THE LINKS, INCORPORATED OVERVIEW

**The Selma (AL) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated** continues this legacy by providing resources, funds, and services to educate, advocate, and empower our communities.

HBCU BOOK SCHOLARSHIP

**The Selma (AL) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated** seeks to provide two (2) HBCU Book Scholarships to students currently enrolled at Selma University. The **HBCU Book Scholarships** will be awarded based on a student’s academic achievement, leadership, and commitment to community service.

APPLICATION GENERAL GUIDELINES

Current Selma University students interested in being considered for the **HBCU Book Scholarship** should submit a completed application by **January 16, 2022**, via email to selmalinks@gmail.com with the subject line [HBCU Book Scholarship] <or> mail to: The Selma (AL) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated Attn: HBCU Committee PO Box 1343 Selma, AL 36702-1343.

ELIGIBILITY AND SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. Must provide proof of enrollment in **Selma University** for the academic year **2021-2022**. (Note: Proof of enrollment will be required before an award is issued).
2. Must submit an official transcript showing your cumulative GPA (Note: An official transcript will be required before an award is issued).
3. Provide a list of leadership, community service, and extra-curricular activities that you are a part of, and provide any leadership positions held.
4. Complete a 200-word essay on the following topic: **How has your community service affected your plans for the future?**
5. Sign and date Application and Authorization Release.
APPLICATION

Legal name: ____________________________

(First Name) (Last name) (MI)

Address: ________________________________

(City) (State) (Zip Code)

Telephone: ________________________________ E-mail: ____________________________

ACADEMIC STATUS

☐ College Freshman
☐ College Sophomore
☐ College Junior
☐ College Senior
☐ Graduate Student

CURRENT CUMULATIVE GPA: ____________________________

ACADEMIC MAJOR OR FIELD OF STUDY: ____________________________

HONORS AND ACTIVITIES:
List any awards, commendations, special recognitions, memberships in honor societies, offices, or leadership positions you have held. Also, describe any school, church, volunteer, or community activities in which you have been involved. Attach an additional sheet, if necessary

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ESSAY
On the separate sheet provided, please respond to the following: How has your community service affected your plans for the future? (Maximum 200 words)

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AUTHORIZATION
By my signature below, I certify that financial assistance from The Selma (AL) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated would help me achieve my educational goals. If awarded the HBCU Book Scholarship, I promise that I will use the money only for books directly related to the achievement of my educational goals and objectives. If you are selected, we request a recent photo of you so that we may place it on our website and use it as required for documentation.

I, ____________________________, am applying to The Selma (AL) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated for the HBCU Book Scholarship. I hereby authorize the release of my official transcripts and the release of any financial aid information or data to confirm my enrollment status.

Signature of Applicant: __________________________________________ Date: ____________

Applications must be received by Saturday, January 16, 2022. Save all required documents as word or .pdf documents and Email to selmalinks@gmail.com <OR>

Mail to:
The Selma (AL) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated
Attn: HBCU Committee
PO Box 1343 Selma, AL 36702-1343
Please provide: ________________________________  ________________________________  ________________________________

(Last name)  (First Name)  (Telephone Number)

ESSAY

How has your community service affected your plans for the future? (Maximum 200 words)