

**WESTCHESTER COUNTY CHAPTER
OF
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**COMMITTEE REPORT FORM
April 19, 2016**

COMMITTEE/FACET NAME: Scholarship

MEETING DATE AND TIME/ATTENDEES:

March 7, 2016, March 29, 2016, April 8, 2016

Present at one or all meetings: Jackie Boucher, Linda Bradshaw, Janis Carter Shaw, Ginger Waters, Claudia Edwards, and Priscilla Hambrick -Dixon

The committee reviewed the contacts at the high schools in anticipation of needing to reach out. We also noted that a question about intent to attend an HBCU should be asked of applicants during the interview process. There was also a discussion of the weight that should be given to standardized test scores.

We reviewed the schedule of activities highlighting that applications are due March 23; review of applications is scheduled for April 2 and 10; interviews are scheduled for April 24, 30 and May 1 at the New Rochelle Library and Theodore Young community Center. The Awards ceremony will be held at Link Florence's church.

Care Packages will be sent to current scholarship recipients. Links Joan and Priscilla will lead the effort.

Update:

On April 5, 2016 Links Priscilla and Joan once again headed up preparation of the care packages to be sent to current scholarship recipients. They were assisted by Links Brenda Jackson Butcher and Janis Shaw. The packages were mailed that day.

ISSUES DISCUSSED: Next steps in the process

The committee received 15 applications. All applications were scanned and sent to committee members. It was noted that 2 applicants did not include SAT or ACT scores. Those applicants were notified that their applications could not be considered unless the scores were submitted. Both complied.

The committee reviewed all the applications and decided to interview all. We noted that we received applications from private schools- one from Stepinac and one from The Ursuline School.

Interviews are scheduled for April 24 at New Rochelle Library and tentatively at Theodore Young Community Center on May 1.

The committee is scheduled to have a conference call on April 22 to discuss questions to ask applicants.

Outstanding issues:

- Availability of Theodore Young conference room on May 1.
- Reservation of United Methodist Church for June 11.

Respectfully submitted,

Link Ginger Waters Grant
Scholarship Committee chair