

Barbadian Cultural Committee of Boston Inc. The John Wesley Licorish Scholarship Fund –

Scholarship Application – 2018



Purpose

The John Wesley Licorish Scholarship was established by B.C.C.B. in 2010 after the untimely death of the Barbados Honorary Consul at Boston, Mr. John W. Licorish. Not only did Mr. Licorish serve as Boston's Honorary Consul for numerous years but he was also a founding member of B.C.C.B. Mr. Licorish was very passionate about education and always motivated others to pursue opportunities in advancing their studies. B.C.C.B. therefore found it appropriate to start a scholarship fund in remembrance of John Wesley Licorish.

Background on Mr. John Licorish

John Wesley Licorish was born to Joshua and Elsie Licorish on March 23, 1944 in Douglins Village (Greenland), St. Andrew, Barbados. John received his early education at Belleplaine Boys School, St. Andrews and Lodge High School; St. John in Barbados. While at Lodge School, John was enrolled in the Barbados Cadet Corps. After graduating from Lodge school he served in the Barbados Regiment for three years.

At the age of twenty, John migrated to the United States to continue his studies. He attended Howard University in Washington D.C and graduated in 1970 with a Bachelors Degree in Accounting. After receiving this degree John moved to Boston and furthered his education at Suffolk University where he obtained his MBA in 1972. John believed strongly that education is the source of empowerment and advancement. Many that knew John can attest to the fact that he was constantly encouraging his family and friends to pursue higher education.

John worked at General Electric, Sheraton Hotel and Digital Company as an Accountant. In the early 70's, John dreamed of becoming an entrepreneur so he started "Licorish Tax Management and Financial Services" on a part-time basis and transformed to full time in 1985.

During his lifetime, John was very involved with the Barbadian communities in Boston, Cambridge and surrounding areas, as well as supporting the other Caribbean communities. John was one of the founding members of The Barbadian Cultural Committee of Boston (BCCB), which he served as the second President for six years. John was appointed as the Honorary Consul of Barbados in 1991 and remained in that position until his untimely death. John served as the longest Honorary Consul in America.

On Wednesday, February 10, 2010, Mr. John Licorish departed from his earthly family. He leaves to cherish his memories:

Children- John Samuel Licorish (Boston) and Grace Olivia Janes (Ohio)

Siblings- Shirley Kibunja (Maryland), Sylvia Greaves (Barbados), Joseph Licorish (Toronto)

Son-in-law - Calvin Janes

Daughter-in-law Lisa McCarthy-Licorish

Grandchildren – Calvin Janes III, Charles Wesley Janes, Naomi Licorish

Sister in law & Brothers in law- Ruby Licorish, Victor Kibunja and Anthony Greaves

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To be eligible for consideration, an applicant must meet all of the following criteria:

1. Be a Barbadian citizen or descendent of a Barbadian (At least one parent or grandparent)
2. Be a permanent resident of Massachusetts or New England OR Be a college student enrolled in Massachusetts or New England
3. Been accepted to a vocational program, 2 year college or 4 year college or university for the following academic year OR Currently enrolled as an undergraduate student
4. Have a minimum of a 2.5 GPA currently
5. Be available to attend the B.C.C.B. Spring Ball on May 5, 2018 in order to be awarded
6. Be willing to “pay it forward” . If accepted, awardee is willing to volunteer in the following year for B.C.C.B. or another non-profit organization.

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Application Procedure

- I. Complete Attached Application
- II. Essay Questions
- III. Transcript (official copy)
- IV. Letter of Recommendation

DEADLINE: April 21, 2018 (postmarked by)

Completed applications must be mailed to:

**The Barbadian Cultural Committee of Boston Scholarship Fund.
P.O. Box 260120
Mattapan, MA 02126**

If you have any questions regarding the application process, please send an email to bccb.us@gmail.com or contact John (Samuel) Licorish, Education Chairperson, at 857-492-3063

*****Awardees will be notified by April 30, 2018 and will be formally recognized and awarded at the B.C.C.B. Spring Ball on May 5, 2018**

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Part I - Scholarship Application**

Full Name of Applicant: _____

Home Address: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Date of Birth: ___ / ___ / ___ Place of Birth: _____

Email Address: _____

Are you a Barbadian citizen (by descent or by birth)? _____

If you are not a Barbadian citizen, what generation of Barbadian are you?:
2nd generation (by parents): _____ 3rd generation (by grandparents) _____

Please list name(s) of Barbadian parent(s) and/or grandparent(s) below...

Parent(s) _____

Grandparent(s) _____

Applicants currently in high school:

What high school do you currently attend? _____

What college(s) / universities have you been accepted to? Please list all.

What college or university do you plan on attending in September?

What major are interested in at this time? _____

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Applicants currently attending college:

What college or university do you currently attend? _____

What is your major? _____

What is your anticipated date of graduation? _____

List any organizations that you are affiliated with at your school or in your community

List any awards or honors you have received in the past two years

How did you hear about the John Wesley Licorish Scholarship Fund?:

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Part II – Essays

As you answer the essay questions, please keep in mind that we are looking for applicants who have demonstrated responsibility and leadership in school and in their communities.

Essay Question 1:

In 500 words or less, answer the following:
Briefly describe your long- and short-term goals.
How do you plan to achieve your goals?
Why are you a good candidate for this award?

Essay Question 2

In 10 sentences or less, answer the following:
Who is your hero? Why?

[Your responses may be neatly handwritten or typed and should be attached to application]

Part III – Transcript

Please enclose an official copy of your most recent transcript from your current school.

If you wish, you are also welcome to submit a copy of standardized test scores such as MCAS or SAT.

Part IV – Letter of Recommendation

Please attach a letter of recommendation from a teacher or other staff member at your current school.