



## 2021 STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the availability of the 2021 Richard 'Dik' Days Scholarship application. The Scholarship Committee will use this application for the scholarship selection process.

The Richard 'Dik' Days Scholarship Fund is an initiative formed through collaboration between the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists (CBTU) Connecticut Chapter, the International Union, United Automobile, Aerospace & Agricultural Implement Workers of America (UAW) Region 9A and the Days Family.

The Richard 'Dik' Days Scholarship Fund is created in memory of Richard Adam Days, who was a labor educator for the UAW. Prior to his retirement he was the Education & Civil Rights Director for the UAW, Region 9A. Brother Days was a rigorous trade unionist, political activist and community advocate. As a labor educator, Dik worked endlessly to educate union and non-union workers, their families and young adults on labor history, the contributions of organized labor in the workplace and the rights of workers. He was a member of the UAW for over 40 years, a charter member of the National Coalition of Black Trade Unionists, co-founder and former President of the Connecticut Chapter of the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists, co-founder of the Connecticut Chapter of the A. Phillip Randolph Institute, a lifetime member of the NAACP, a lifetime member of the African American Alliance, and a six term member of the Bloomfield Town Council. Brother Days had an impact on many lives and helped those he touched to better understand their role in the Union and the communities in which we serve.

If you are a graduating high school senior attending college full-time in the fall or a current undergraduate student, enrolled full-time in a college/university you are eligible to apply for this scholarship. Qualifying applicants must also meet the minimum requirements noted below. Two \$2,000 scholarships will be awarded in 2021. If you are awarded a scholarship, you will be asked to provide your social security number and student ID number for the college/university. Scholarship funds will be sent directly to the college/university in which you are enrolled for use towards your academic financial needs.

You will be notified by May 28, 2021 if you are selected as a scholarship recipient. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Donna Becotte at (860) 674-0143.

**Please check each item below to verify that you understand the qualification requirements. Failure to comply with all requirements will disqualify your application.**

**\_\_\_\_\_ DEADLINE May 1, 2021.** Complete applications, including all requested documentation must be received by the Scholarship Committee by the deadline date, including a school transcript and a photograph. Current college students need only submit transcript of grades. The deadline date is the latest date and time your application will be accepted by the Scholarship Committee. **NO EXTENSIONS** will be granted. **Your name and address should clearly appear on each page of documentation. All documentation should be typed. Applications will only be accepted via email submission.**

**\_\_\_\_\_ Brief Biography:** including offices held, major accomplishments, other scholarships/awards, volunteer and community services performed, hobbies, etc.

**\_\_\_\_\_ Official School Transcript:** If you are in high school, provide a copy of your official high school transcript. If you are currently enrolled in a college/university and will attend full-time in the fall semester, please provide a copy of your official school transcript. Your grade point average must be at least a 'C'.

\_\_\_ **Proof of Enrollment in an Accredited College/University:** please provide proof of enrollment for the upcoming school year, and the Official college/university name, address, to whose attention and where the scholarship award should be sent.

\_\_\_ **Copy of Grading System:** attach a copy of your institution's grading system to clarify Grade Point Average (GPA)

\_\_\_ **Letters of Recommendation:** provide three (3) letters of recommendation from people other than relatives, using the attached Richard 'Dik' Days Scholarship Recommendation Form. **Failure to submit the required number of recommendations will disqualify you.**

\_\_\_ **A Recent Photo:** we will share your photo on our social media site and other media if you are selected as a recipient.

\_\_\_ **Between 300-500 Word Essay:** provide a typewritten, double spaced essay describing "How has COVID-19 challenged your life, and how will you move forward from it?" Essays will be judged based on content, grammar, sentence structure and punctuation. **Please make your essay meaningful!**

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

- Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
  First  Middle  Last
- Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
  Street  City  State  Zip Code
- Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
  Street  City  State  Zip Code
- Current Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Contact (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_
- Email address: \_\_\_\_\_
- How did you hear about this scholarship? \_\_\_\_\_
- Are you a resident of the State of Connecticut? (circle one) YES / NO

### ACADEMIC INFORMATION

- College/University Enrolled \_\_\_\_\_
- High School (Graduating High School Senior) \_\_\_\_\_
- College Major \_\_\_\_\_

**By signing, I hereby certify that the information provided in this application and supporting documentation is, to the best of my knowledge, true and accurate.**

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian (if you are under the age of 18) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Please submit application and all documentation in one email to: RADScholarshipFund@aol.com.  
The email subject line should state: Student Scholarship Application and Your Name.**

# The Richard 'Dik' Days Scholarship Letter of Recommendation

Please type your letter of recommendation and attach additional pages, if necessary.

Applicant's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_ year(s)

How do you know the applicant?

Briefly describe the applicant's character and individual traits that motivated you to provide this letter of recommendation?

Briefly describe why you think the applicant should be awarded this scholarship?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you,

The Richard 'Dik' Days Scholarship Committee