



# Victoria Merchant Saygbay Lifting Individuals Through Education Scholarship Application

**Please type or print your answers. Only legible applications will be accepted. For any questions email the scholarship chair at: [scholarships@litesaves.org](mailto:scholarships@litesaves.org)**

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## 2026 Requirements for Scholarship Applicants

Victoria Merchant Saygbay – Lifting Individuals Through Education - \$1000

*(50% payable once proof of acceptance and registration. The other 50% is paid after 1<sup>st</sup> semester grades are 2.75 or higher and sent to L.I.T.E point of contact)*

- Scholarship is available to currently enrolled African American male/female DFW seniors only
- Applicant must be planning to major in Education and have a career in education
- Applicant must have at least 2.75 GPA on 4.0 scale or equivalent.
- Application must be completed and received by the application deadline date.
- An application will be considered for review only if it is fully completed with a single photo of the applicant (digital high resolution preferred).
- Must submit 2 letters of recommendation: these may be from a professor or administrator or from a person in the community (i.e. minister, community affiliate, or chapter advisor) familiar with the applicant.
- Applicant will be required to write an essay of no more than 1000 words typed double spaced, 12 pt. font.
- All applicants will be asked to attend a virtual structured interview and must be present to be considered.

### Key Reminders:

- Please be sure to complete all parts of your application, and include all requested supplemental information (photo, 2 letters of recommendation, essay, and official transcript). Incomplete applications will NOT be considered.
- **Completed applications must be received by the application due date (Feb 28, 2026). Applications received after this date will NOT receive consideration for an award.**
- Applicants selected as finalists MUST complete a structured interview with the Scholarship Committee in March 2026. Finalists MUST attend the interview to be considered for an award.

**Send completed application, digital photo, two letters of recommendation, transcript, and essay in one email to:  
[scholarships@litesaves.org](mailto:scholarships@litesaves.org)**