

Robert E. Jones, Jr. SCHOLARSHIP FUND

BWOPA's Training Institute for Leadership Enrichment (TILE) has established a memorial scholarship fund in memory of Robert E. Jones, Jr., the only son of our State President and Co-founder the honorable Dezie Woods-Jones. Robert passed away at the age of 50 following a long illness battling Crohn's disease. Robert was a faithful supporter of BWOPA and was named BWOPA's "Jr. Man of the Year" in 1985. Rob was a well-respected teacher, trainer and coach who dedicated his life to assisting student athletes, encouraging them to pursue excellence in sports and all aspects of their lives. It is with great pleasure that we honor Coach Rob's legacy and present the first athletic scholarships in his memory on May 20, 2023, the 1st anniversary of Rob's heavenly transition.

Application Information / Instructions

Background

The Training Institute for Leadership Enrichment (TILE) has established the Robert E. Jones, Jr. (REJ) Memorial Scholarship Fund. Two \$1000 scholarships to attend a post-secondary school of choice, and one full four-year scholarship to attend St. Augustine's University in Raleigh, N.C. (an HBCU) will be awarded in May 2023.

Purpose of the Award

To provide financial assistance to deserving athletic scholars who have earned at least a 3.0 GPA in high school or current college and

who are committed to improving their lives and their communities by furthering their education.

Eligibility

Those who plan to attend or are attending any accredited post-secondary educational institution are eligible. Eligible institutions include public or private universities, two- or four-year colleges with approved athletic programs.

Application Process

All applicants must submit a completed scholarship application by the deadline date. See application link :

Application deadline: April 15, 2023 at 11:59:59 PM PDT

- Applicants are eligible to receive one TILE/REJ Scholarship
- A high-school or college transcript must be submitted.

Scholarship Amount

The amount to be awarded includes:

- two (2) \$1,000 scholarships to an accredited university of choice, and
- one full scholarship to St. Augustine's University in Raleigh, NC.

About the Selection Process

A selection committee of no less than four TILE/REJ BOARD members will review each application. The committee will meet as soon as possible after the application deadline to review and assess all applications. The recipients will be notified by the Chair of the TILE/REJ Board upon selection.

Distribution of Awards

The \$1,000.00 scholarships will be paid directly to the recipient. The funds may be used for tuition, room, board, books, or materials. A letter of acceptance or proof of enrollment is required from the selected scholarship recipient before funds will be released. The St. Augustine's awardee will be submitted to the President of St. Augustine's and administered through the university's financial aid office. It will cover room and board, books, tuition, and other college-related expenses for four years, provided the recipient maintains scholarship requirements. For more information about Coach Jones, [click here](#).

To complete the scholarship application, [click here](#).

Award Ceremony Attendance

It is strongly recommended that REJ scholarship recipients attend the **First Annual REJ Scholarship Awards Ceremony** on May 20, 2023 in Fresno, California.

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