



River City Drum Corp Cultural Arts Institute, Inc.  
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River City Drum Corp Cultural Arts Institute Presents:

**THE MAKEBA LEE A *DREAM DEFERRED* SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

The River City Drum Corp Cultural Arts Institute, Inc. (RCDC) celebrates its rich history of providing cultural arts programming and educational development! One of our hallmark events includes, our *Annual Living the Legacy Gala*: a black tie formal event to be held annually in the spring. We will reflect on the milestones that brought us this far and share previews of our move toward future programming. The evening will include special scholarships, included the award listed below.

Makeba Lee was a young mother whose life came to a tragic end May 17, 2012, in a senseless act of violence. Her dreams of being a college graduate, active parent and contributing member of our community can never happen...Makeba's dream is now a dream deferred. Tragedies such as these remind us of the question asked by Poet Langston Hughes in his poem, "Dream Deferred."

*What happens to a dream deferred?  
Does it dry up--like a raisin in the sun?  
Or fester like a sore--and then run?  
Does it stink like rotten meat?  
Or crust and sugar over--like a syrupy sweet?  
Maybe it just sags like a heavy load.  
...Or does it explode?*

The *Makeba Lee "Dream Deferred" Scholarship Award* will be given to one student who is involved in changing our community and creating a legacy that promotes academic success and communal empowerment. We, at River City Drum Corp, take great pleasure in presenting this educational opportunity to our community's most giving and talented students. An award of \$500.00 will be given to each student who best meets those criteria.

Recipient of this scholarship will be awarded *live* at the *Annual Living the Legacy Gala*. Honorees must be present (or have representative) at the gala.

Sincerely,

Edward R. White  
Founder & Executive Director



## ***THE MAKEBA LEE "A DREAM DEFERRED" SCHOLARSHIP AWARD FACTSHEET***

### **STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CRITERIA/PROCEDURE**

1. Candidates must have a 2.5 GPA and provide documentation
2. Candidates must be actively involved in their community/extracurricular activities
3. Candidates must have two (2) adult recommendations (One from a teacher/counselor and one from an adult mentor)
4. Complete a 500-word essay entitled, *"How Will I Not Let My Dream Be Deferred"*

### **AWARDS/DISBURSEMENT**

1. Applicants will be notified of selections by Friday, March 31, 2017.
2. The Living the Legacy Committee will present awards at the Living the Legacy Gala. This event begins at 7:00p.m.
3. Recipients **MUST BE PRESENT** (have representative) at the Living the Legacy Gala.

### **APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

Only completed applications will be considered by the Living the Legacy Scholarship Award Committee.

- One scholarship application from student
- Two recommendation forms (one from a teacher/counselor and one from an adult mentor, i.e., community center, church, outside organization)
- High school transcript (official or unofficial)
- A 500-word essay on "How I Will Not Let My Dream Be Deferred"
- Completed applications must be emailed or printed and postmarked to the address below by: **Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017.**

River City Drum Corp Cultural Arts Institute, Inc.  
**The Living the Legacy Scholarship Committee**  
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