



ARISE
AFRICAN AMERICANS RENEWING
INTEREST IN SPIRITUALS ENSEMBLE

TEACH

Transformation, Empowerment, Advocacy, Cultural Appreciation and Hope



December 1, 2022

Dear Community Supporter:

On January 16, 2023, as we celebrate the dream of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., ARISE will also be honoring Wichita's Community Leaders, who emulate his dream in our community. For the third year, the ARISE organization will recognize individuals and/or organizations for their life-changing involvement in the community, which has rendered Wichita a better place in which we all live, serve and raise our children. In 2023, ARISE will honor:

Dr. Anthony Turner · John Rolfe
Dr. William Polite · KC Ohaebosim
Janice Thacker · Robert Simon

We believe that, in highlighting our devoted leaders' works, we thank them, while shining the light on the positive qualities in our community. Because of our love for the life and legacy of Dr. King, and his dream for all communities, ARISE has embarked upon this program, which highlights the fact that his dream is alive and thriving in Wichita. Dr. King loved the way music helped to connect people, ensuring that music was a significant part of the programs where he spoke. He also was a great promoter of youth and education. As ARISE shares all of these sentiments, we hope that you will also agree and support our efforts.

At this, our 7th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Heroes and Sheroes Scholarship Awards Breakfast, we will celebrate our MLK Heroes and Sheroes, sing their favorite spirituals and present the 7th Annual Dr. Evies Cranford-ARISE Rising Star (ECARS) Recurring Scholarship to a deserving local student. He or she will join the ARISE Scholars currently in college, as they all continue to receive ECARS until they complete their four-year degrees.

Our event will be held at the Wichita State University Beggs Ballroom, Rhatigan Student Center, 1845 N. Fairmount, Wichita, Kansas, Monday, January 16, 2023, at 7:30 am. The breakfast tickets are \$30.00 each. Scholarship and Sponsorship Table information is enclosed. For additional information, please contact us at 316-258-2749 or gerald.norwood@att.net. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Gerald Norwood, President
ARISE, Incorporated
501(c)3 Educational Organization

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TABLE SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION

PLATINUM HARRIET TUBMAN \$1,500

- 2 Reserved tables of eight (8)
- Special table decorations
- Name/Logo recognition in all printed materials
- Public recognition at Breakfast
- Publicity via print and electronic media
- Photo op with honorees and dignitaries

GOLD EXODUSTERS \$800

- 1 Reserved table of eight (8)
- Special table decorations
- Name/Logo recognition in all printed materials
- Public recognition at Breakfast

SILVER QUINDARO \$400

- 1 reserved table of eight (8)
- Name listed in program

REMITTANCE FORM

Name _____

Address _____ City/Zip _____

Company name _____

Address _____ City/Zip _____

Enclosed check in amount of \$ _____ for Sponsorship at the following level:

_____ Platinum Harriet Tubman _____ Gold Exodusters _____ Silver Quindaro

Deadline: Wednesday, January 4, 2023

Please submit logo to crystalturner@rocketmail.com.

Make checks payable to ARISE, Inc. and remit with completed form to:

Andy Bias, Board Treasurer

P.O. Box 8673

Wichita, KS 67208

Tickets (which are non-refundable) will be submitted to you at the address that you list above. Thank you.





ECARS

THE DR. EVIES CRANFORD ARISE RISING STARS



SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT ARISE, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

send to abias7210@gmail.com and/or sheilakinnard08@gmail.com

African Americans Renewing Interest in Spirituals Ensemble, Incorporated is now requesting applications from high school seniors in the Wichita and surrounding communities. The **7TH ANNUAL DR. EVIES CRANFORD ARISE RISING STAR SCHOLARSHIP (ECARS)** is offered to qualify local students in the amount of \$1000 for the first year and follows them with \$500 for the next three years of college.

With the mantra of Unity through Harmony, ARISE, a 501(c)3 educational organization is committed to educating American communities about its rich, diverse history through storytelling and African American spirituals. Founded by Josephine Brown in 1988, the 40-Member multicultural ensemble is now led by Shawn Chastain, USD 259 Fine Arts Coordinator. ECARS is named after long-time Educator and ARISE Past President, Dr. Evies O. Cranford.

Applicants seeking to become an ECARS Scholar must complete the following and submit to one of the above emails by **December 31, 2022**. The winner will be announced in January 2023 and funds will be disbursed by February 2023. After documenting full-time registration at the college of choice, the winner will receive a \$1000 check and be listed with the other scholars in the ARISE college pipeline. To receive the \$500, check each year thereafter (up to 3 years), the winner will only need to submit his/her college transcript to the same email, verifying a GPA of 3.0 or better.

CRITERIA

1. A typed doubled spaced Essay, 12 font, word count of 500 words. Utilizing correct grammar, spelling, paragraphs and punctuation, the essay title is "Why Study American History?"
2. Essay must include statements about family life, extracurricular activities and community service hours over the past year.
3. Application must include a transcript reflecting a cumulative grade point average of 3.00 or above (Grades 9, 10, 11, & 1st semester 12).
4. Application must include two letters of recommendation from school and community.
5. All application materials must be accompanied by the attached application form which must be completed in its entirety.





ECARS

THE DR. EVIES CRANFORD ARISE RISING STARS



SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

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send to abias7210@gmail.com and/or sheilakinnard08@gmail.com

Applicant Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____ Zip _____ Cell _____

Email address _____

High School & Address _____

Principal's Name _____ Counselor's Name _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name _____

Parent(s) Address _____ Zip _____ Cell _____

Checklist of Enclosed Application materials:

- 500-word Essay
- Statements regarding family life
- Statements regarding extracurricular activities
- Statements regarding place(s), dates of community service and volunteer hours completed
- High School Transcript
- 2 letters of recommendation (References may send recommendations directly to the email above.)

Applications will NOT be considered if any of the above requirements are missing or incomplete by deadline.

Completed Applications must be received by **DECEMBER 31, 2022**.

Signature of Participant _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent _____ Date _____

