



# ECARS

THE DR. EVIES CRANFORD ARISE RISING STARS



## SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT ARISE, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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African Americans Renewing Interest in Spirituals Ensemble, Incorporated is now requesting applications from high school seniors in the Wichita and surrounding communities. The **7<sup>TH</sup> 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, & 1<sup>st</sup> 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.





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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 \_\_\_\_\_

