

## **AARON DUANE PARKER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** **BALTIMORE INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE**

Dear scholarship applicant,

Thank you for your inquiry regarding the Aaron Duane Parker Memorial Scholarship program. The Aaron Duane Parker Memorial Scholarship was established in 1998 to commemorate a young man's dream of becoming a chef, to keep Aaron alive in our hearts and minds, and to help another student to complete his or her dream, which Aaron was unable to do.

Aaron was passionate about cooking and becoming a restaurateur. This passion started when Aaron was a small child living in Berlin, Germany. Cooking was always a lifelong passion for Aaron. He always helped his mother with cooking and baking and spent much of his time working in the kitchen as a child.

Aaron was diagnosed with acute myelogenous leukemia in November 1996. He underwent several weeks of chemotherapy at The Johns Hopkins Hospital Oncology Center. His condition required him to have a bone marrow transplant. Aaron underwent his first bone marrow transplant in January 1997. In May 97, Aaron relapsed, and the leukemia returned. His doctors informed him that without another transplant he would die within 3 months. Devastated with the news, Aaron was determined that he would fight and do what ever was needed to live. A doctor at The Johns Hopkins Hospital found a hospital in South Carolina that could perform another transplant, and this time his younger brother was the donor. In July Aaron, and his family journeyed to Richland Memorial Hospital in Columbia, South Carolina for a second transplant. This hospital specializes in partial mismatch bone marrow transplant. Aaron surprised everyone by leaving the hospital leukemia free and returning from Columbia, South Carolina in October. Aaron was confined to the house, only leaving to keep his appointments at The Johns Hopkins Hospital. During one of his visits to Hopkins, the doctors noticed an infection in his lungs. The medication he was given kept him close to home and bed. Since Aaron was unable to maintain routine activities, he passed a lot of his time watching cooking programs on television.

Aaron began as a student at Baltimore International College in Fall 1992 and attended three semesters. He spoke often of returning to Baltimore International College to graduate and someday open a restaurant, but on February 18, 1998, at age 23, Aaron died of adult respiratory distress syndrome and acute myelogenous leukemia.

Scholarship decisions are made on the basis of financial need and aptitude, as well as other specific criteria described on the following pages. Please take the time to read the Application Guidelines before you begin completing the application. For scholarship questions, please contact Turnice Brown at (301) 459-5240.

We wish you continuing success as you pursue your culinary goals.

Sincerely,

Turnice "Necee" Parker Brown  
Aaron Parker Foundation  
President and CEO

## *Application Guidelines*

**The deadline for the Aaron Duane Parker Memorial Scholarship Application is June 15. All applications must be postmarked by this date. Please see the Scholarship List for complete details.**

1. Applications must be legible, preferably typed or printed.
2. All application questions must be answered. If a question is not applicable, write NA in the space provided.
3. Additional page(s) may be attached if more space is needed to answer a question.
4. Open to second semester students currently enrolled in BICs culinary program (towards tuition).
5. Prince George's County/Maryland resident preferred – Others may apply
6. Demonstrate academic ability and financial need.
7. Personal essay no greater than 500 words describing your career goals and why you should receive this scholarship. *See application*
8. Scholarship must be used within the calendar year.
9. Scholarship awards are paid directly to Baltimore International College. No funds are paid directly to scholarship recipients.
10. No applicant is eligible for a scholarship if he/she has already graduated from the culinary program for which the award is intended at the time the scholarships are awarded.
11. Upon completion of training and graduation from BIC, scholarship recipient is requested to prepare a 5-course meal for scholarship committee or volunteer at an Aaron Parker Foundation fundraising function.
12. The scholarship will be awarded annually and will be announced in July, and awarded on August 16, Aaron's birthday, at Baltimore International College by mother, Turnice "Neccee" Parker Brown.

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### **Applications must include:**

1. If applicant is a student, an official copy of most recent school transcript.
2. Resume
3. Essay
4. Two letters of reference mailed with the completed application.
5. Non-refundable application fee of \$10.00. Checks or money orders should be made payable to The Aaron Duane Parker Memorial Scholarship.

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#### **Mail your signed, completed application to:**

Turnice Parker Brown  
9006 McHenry Lane  
Lanham, MD 20706

#### **For additional questions, call:**

Turnice Parker Brown  
(301) 459-5240

#### **Or send e-mail to:**

[neceepb@aol.com](mailto:neceepb@aol.com)

## AARON DUANE PARKER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION (Please Print)

<b>PERSONAL INFORMATION</b>		Date:
Name:	Home Phone:	
Street Address:	City, State Zip Code	
Mailing Address:	City, State Zip Code	

<b>ACADEMIC INFORMATION</b>	<i>Attach Transcript</i>
Area of Study:	Day/Evening/Weekend Program:
Expected Graduation Date:	Total Number of Months/Years to Complete Program:
Grade Point Average:	

<b>FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION</b>	
Financial Aid Counselor:	Phone Number:
Financial Aid Counselor Signature:	
Do you plan on working during the school year?	Number of other persons dependent on your earnings:

<b>Annual Sources of Funds:</b>		<b>Annual Uses of Funds:</b>	
Wage/Income		Tuition:	
Parent or Spouse Support:		Room and Board:	
Loans:		Books and Supplies:	
Scholarships:		Transportation:	
Other:		Other	
Total Amount:		Total Uses:	

<b>EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION</b>	<i>Attach resume</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>List a brief history (past 5 years) of employment with dates, employer, and job responsibilities.</li> </ul>	

<b>PERSONAL ESSAY</b>	<i>Attach essay</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Please write a short essay (300-500 words) describing why you need and deserve this scholarship.</li> <li>Include your most valued accomplishment and why you selected culinary pursuits as your career path.</li> </ul>	

<b>REFERENCE</b>	<i>Attach letters</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Two (2) letters of reference must accompany this application.</b> The letters should be on business letterhead and written by individuals who are not your relatives. If possible, references should be closely involved with your professional career or with your education. The Aaron Parker Foundation must receive the references before your application is considered.</li> </ul>	

### Professional/Education References

Name	Name
Title	Title

Company/School	_____	Company/School	_____
Address	_____	Address	_____
City	_____	City	_____
State	_____	State	_____
Zip Code	_____	Zip Code	_____
Telephone	_____	Telephone	_____

**Personal Reference**

Please list one neither personal reference that is not a family member nor professional reference.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Day Time Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Evening Time Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Required for all Applicants**

To the best of my knowledge, all information that I have provided in application is accurate and true and may be verified through any mean necessary, and give permissions to obtain my financial information from Baltimore International School (if applicable).

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Mail your completed application and check or money order for \$10 payable to the **Aaron Duane Parker Memorial Scholarship**, postmarked by ***June 15*** to: Turnice Parker Brown, 9006 McHenry Lane, Lanham, MD 20706. Please review the application checklist in the Instructions prior to mailing.