

*Paul Robeson Institute for Ethics, Leadership, and Social Justice*

Raritan Valley Community College

**Paul Robeson Youth Achievement Awards Middle School Application Form**

November 2016

Dear Student,

The Paul Robeson Institute for Ethics, Leadership, and Social Justice at Raritan Valley Community College welcomes your application and nomination for the Paul Robeson Youth Achievement Awards Program. This special award is designed to reward African American students who have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement and service throughout their high school experience.

Recipients of the Paul Robeson Youth Achievement Awards will be selected based on academic achievement and a member of a historically underrepresented minority group. Awards will be presented in the following categories:

* Scholarship (3.5 GPA minimum)
* Community Service (3.0 GPA minimum)
* Performing Arts (3.0 GPA minimum)
* Athletics (3.0 GPA minimum)
* Special Renaissance Award for accomplishments in all categories (3.0 GPA minimum)

If you meet these qualifications, please submit your materials. Due to the competitiveness of the award, the Selection Committee will choose recipients based on completed application, nomination form/letter, essay and transcript received by the due date: **February 28, 2017**. If you have any further questions, please contact: Richeleen Dashield, Dean of Multicultural Affairs at 908-526-1200 ext. 8636 or [richeleen.dashield@raritanval.edu](mailto:richeleen.dashield@raritanval.edu)

Return the completed student application packet to your teacher/counselor who will send your completed packet (application, nomination form, essay and transcript) to:

Ms. Richeleen Dashield, Dean of Multicultural Affairs

Raritan Valley Community College

118 Lamington Road

Branchburg, N.J. 08876

Sincerely,

Richeleen Dashield

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| **Middle School Student Application Form**  **Paul Robeson Youth Achievement Awards**  **Raritan Valley Community College**  **I. Student Contact Information**  Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  First MI Last  Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Home Address \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Street  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  City State Zip Code  Cell Telephone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ -\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Home Telephone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ -\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Email Address \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Nominator/ Guidance Counselor \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Middle School \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Middle School Address\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

**II. Student Essay**

Submit an essay (350 limit, double spaced). The Title: [**Paul Robeson: The Renaissance Man**](http://www.lessonplanet.com/register/step-1?title=Paul+Robeson%3A+The+Renaissance+Man)

After you research the life of **Paul Robeson; the** scholar, athlete, actor, singer, author, political and social activist, answer the questions, "**How has the economic, social or political legacy of Paul Robeson influenced your life?**

Your essay should also describe your strengths and special qualities that make you a candidate for the Paul Robeson Youth Achievement Award, ex: leadership, perseverance, positive attitude, creativity, overcoming challenges or difficulties in your life and goals for the future.

**Attach the Essay to this Student Application Form – must be received by February 28, 2017.**

III. **Summary of Activities/Achievements in: Arts, Athletic, Community Service and Scholarship**

List your extra or co-curricular activities and achievements for each area by grade level, when applicable.

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| **The Arts:** theatre, recitals, dance, choir, band, drawing or painting, etc. | 6th | 7th | 8th | Leadership  positions | Honors or Awards |
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| **Athletic Accomplishments:**  basketball, baseball, tennis, hockey,  swimming, football, etc. | 6th | 7th | 8th | Leadership position  Ex: captain | Honors or Awards |
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| **Community Service and**  **Social Action** | 6th | 7th | 8th | Leadership Positions | Honors and Awards |
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| **Scholarship and Academic Achievement**  **Honors, Awards, or Recognition** | 6th | 7th | 8th |
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Please sign and date application. **Application, essay, nomination form/letter and transcripts are due no later than February 28, 2017.**

**Mail to or Fax to: Ms. Richeleen Dashield, Dean of Multicultural Affairs, Raritan Valley Community College, 118 Lamington Road, Branchburg, New Jersey 08876. Fax # 908-393-8106**

Student Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_