

## RESPONSIBILITY

*AS THE APPLICANT,*

*IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY:*

To make sure your Application is complete and meets the deadline. Failure to do so will disallow consideration of your Application.

Please review your application with your high school counselor for accuracy.

### ON-LINE APPLICATION PROCESS

To apply go to:

<https://ulofnwi.communityforce.com>.

You can create your personal application for the scholarship for which you are applying.

Michael L. Suggs

S.T.E.M.

Youth Leaders

Scholarship



Urban League of  
Northwest Indiana, Inc.

A committee comprised of representatives of the Urban League of NWI and community leaders will select the recipients based on the scoring of set criteria as demonstrated by Michael L. Suggs' legacy of civic involvement and education.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:**

**March 20, 2021**

**MIDNIGHT**

**SCHOLARSHIP FUNDED BY:**



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**MICHAEL L. SUGGS**  
**S.T.E.M. YOUTH LEADERS SCHOLARSHIP**

*Michael L. Suggs has over 20 years experience driving strategic growth and leading initiatives critical to the NIPSCO brand. He is a proactive leader with exceptional perception skills — possessing the ability to apply expertise in Marketing, Public Affairs, and in Energy Communications required to achieve short- and long-term business objectives. Michael is a graduate of Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana, and holds certification from Cornell University School of Diversity in New York, NY. Michael is affiliated with many boards and organizations. In 2016, he was featured in “African-American Career World” magazine. His advice to young African-American professionals is to embrace opportunity and change:*

*“It is important to realize that every effort is an opportunity to show your willingness to accept challenges and grow your knowledge of the business. It is your opportunity to show your professional maturity by being able to embrace feedback as you celebrate and sharpen your strengths, and embrace and address your weaknesses.”*

***Remember someone is always watching.  
Stay on your ‘A’ game!”***

**Michael L. Suggs**

**Eligibility Requirements**

Applicants for the “*Michael L. Suggs S.T.E.M. Youth Leaders Scholarship*” must have documented proof of the following:

- Must be a graduating senior of a high school in Lake, Porter, or LaPorte County;
- Must have a letter of acceptance for the next school year from an accredited college or university;
- Must have a minimum cumulative Grade Point Average of 2.5 on a 4.0 grading scale for the Applicant’s entire high school career;
- Must have participated in extracurricular, community, and volunteer activities while in high school, and
- Must be able to prove financial need.

***Based on the content of the essay and personal interview, one non-renewable scholarship will be awarded in the amount of \$1,500.00.***

**To Apply**

To apply for the *Michael L. Suggs S.T.E.M. Youth Leaders Scholarship*, Applicants must complete and submit the following documentation:

1. Set up an on-line application through the Community Force System at <https://ulofnwi.communityforce.com>.
2. Submit an essay not to exceed 500 words explaining why you chose to pursue a career in the field of Energy.
3. Submit an official transcript of grades from Lake, Porter, and/or LaPorte County high school(s).
4. Submit a one-page resumé that details your skills, experiences and interests which is to also highlight your affiliations, honors and awards, and civic involvement.
5. Provide two (2) brief letters of recommendation: One from an adult attesting of your personal character, leadership and volunteerism, and the other from a high school faculty member.