



FOCUSED ON MY FUTURE SCHOLARSHIP

The Washington Section of the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW) Inc “*Focused on my Future*” scholarship was created to support minority high school seniors seeking higher education opportunities. This scholarship aligns with the NCNW’s national focus on critical concerns known as “Four for the Future”. This includes the promotion of education with a special focus on science, technology, engineering and math; encourages entrepreneurship, financial literacy and economic stability; educates women about good health and HIV/AIDS; promotes civic engagement and advocates for sound public policy consistent with traditional values.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS:

Two (2), one-time, scholarships of \$2,000 each will be given to graduating high-school seniors who meet the Scholarship Criteria listed below.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA:

1. Graduating minority high school senior from a school in the District of Columbia; Maryland: Prince Georges County, Montgomery Country; Virginia: Arlington County, Alexandria County, Fairfax County
2. Resident of the District of Columbia; Maryland: Prince Georges County, Montgomery Country; Virginia: Arlington County, Alexandria County, Fairfax County
3. Accepted for enrollment into a two or four-year College or University on a full-time or part-time basis.
4. Seeking any degree program such as STEM, Education, Entrepreneurship, Arts, Health, or Public Policy
5. Cumulative high school GPA of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
6. Submit a completed application package postmarked **no later than March 16, 2019.**
****Incomplete applications will not be reviewed and are disqualified****

Please mail the complete application packet to:

**Washington Section, National Council of Negro Women, Inc
Attn: Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 91932
900 Brentwood Road, NE
Washington, DC 20066**



The completed application package must be typed and include all of the following items:

1. Scholarship application form. (page 3)
2. A written one-page biographical statement about why you would like to be selected for the scholarship and any other information you believe the committee should consider. (250-300 words)
3. Answer Scholarship Application question. (page 4)
4. Submit One (1) letters of recommendation. Letters may be written by a counselor, school administrator, pastor, community service supervisor, mentor, employer or teacher and placed in a **sealed** envelope with their signature across the sealed envelope
5. Official Sealed Transcript
6. All application materials should be in one envelope in order to be considered a completed application package.

*****Failure to address all the above information disqualifies the applicant*****

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE

Scholarship recipients are expected to attend the Washington Section, NCNW Jazz Luncheon on Saturday April 20, 2019.



Scholarship Application

PERSONAL DATA

Applicant's Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home phone Number: _____ Cell phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Parent (s)/ Guardian(s) Name: _____

List following:

Name of current High School: _____

Name of current High School Principal: _____

Provide name of the institution of higher learning that you plan to attend and include your student id number if available:

What is your potential academic major? _____

Include a copy of your letter of acceptance to the institution that you plan to attend and mailing address for payment.

Confirm availability to attend the Washington Section, National Council of Negro Women's 75th Annual Jazz Luncheon on Saturday, April 20th, 2019 from 1-5pm.

Yes _____ **No** _____

Please list the school and/or athletic activities you are involved in:

Have you held office or any leadership positions in any of the above activities? Yes/No
If yes, please specify:

Special Recognition/Awards (Please list):

Community Service/Involvement:



Required Essay

Choose **one** of the following essay questions. Essay must be typed, 500-700 words, 12 Font and double spaced:

- 1. National Council of Negro Women was founded by Mary McLeod Bethune. If she were alive today, what would be an issue that she would have to advocate for and why?**
- 2. Is it important to have a National Council of Negro Women? Why or why not**

*****The essay will be rated on content, depth, grammar, organization, and originality*****