



## **“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 STEM (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 County; Virginia: Arlington County, Alexandria County, Fairfax County
2. Resident of the District of Columbia; Maryland: Prince George’s County, Montgomery County; 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. All required documents must be postmarked or emailed to [wsnwnscholarship@gmail.com](mailto:wsnwnscholarship@gmail.com) no later than April 30, 2021.

**\*\*Incomplete applications packages will not be reviewed and are disqualified\*\***

### **The mailing address:**

**Washington Section, National Council of Negro Women, Inc  
Attn: Scholarship Committee  
P.O. Box 91932  
900 Brentwood Road, NE  
Washington, DC 20090**



**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. Scholarship Essay Question (page 4)
4. Submit one (1) letter of recommendation. Letter may be written by a counselor, school administrator, pastor, community service supervisor, mentor, employer or teacher. The recommendation letter may be submitted by:
  - Email directly to [wsncnwscholarship@gmail.com](mailto:wsncnwscholarship@gmail.com) **OR**
  - Mail directly to the address on the page above in a **sealed** envelope with their signature across the sealed envelope *or* included in the mailed application package sent by the student
5. Official Sealed Transcript mailed with the application package **OR** emailed directly from the school.

**Submission Instructions**

- The following items must be sent by the student using one delivery method (mail or email):
  - Scholarship application form
  - Biographical statement
  - Scholarship essay question
- All emailed submissions documents must use this Subject Line template:
  - (Student Name) WSNCNW Scholarship
  - Example: Jane Doe WSNCNW Scholarship
- All mailed documents must be postmarked by **April 30, 2021.**
- All emailed documents must be submitted by **11:59 pm EST April 30, 2021.**

***\*\*Failure to submit all the above information disqualifies the applicant\*\****



## 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.

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:

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\_\_\_\_\_

Special Recognition/Awards (Please list):

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Community Service/Involvement:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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### **Required Essay**

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

- 1. Why should you be selected to receive a scholarship from the Washington Section of the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW)? How will this scholarship contribute to your mission, enhance your perspective, or propel your motivation towards greater success?**
- 2. What is your most impressive accomplishment that needs to be shared with others, as a motivational tool?**

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