

# **Palm Beach County Caucus of Black Elected Official's Education Committee**



## **SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION**

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# **2012**

## **PALM BEACH COUNTY CAUCUS OF BLACK ELECTED OFFICIALS**

### **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

#### **Eligibility Requirements:**

- a. Applicant must be a senior in high school.
- b. Applicant must be enrolled in or be accepted by an accredited college, university, or vocational education institution.
- c. Applicants must send a copy of his/her past semester grades in order to continue to receive the award.
- d. Recipient must enroll as a full time student, for which academic units are awarded, during the college or university semester or quarter for which the scholarship is granted.
- e. Must have maintained at 2.5 GPA or above.

#### **Application Requirements:**

1. Completed Palm Beach County Caucus of Black Elected Official Scholarship Fund Application Form
2. Two letters of recommendation
3. Transcripts (photocopy of official transcript is acceptable)
4. Cost per unit or course
5. Copy of current class schedule, if applicable
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7. Interviews may be required of scholarship finalists

#### **Area of Study:**

Any major or course of study will be considered; however, some weight will be given in the selection process to traditional courses of study and/or to educational goals that enhance the individual's career development.

**Scholarship Amount:**

Scholarships will be awarded in the fall, spring and summer of each year. The number of scholarships will vary depending on the amount of scholarship funds available.

Scholarship awards will be paid within four weeks of application deadline in order to maximize the assistance provided.

Scholarship award amount is \$1,000.00 for community college, university, state college, or vocational education institution per year.

**Scholarship Awards:**

Scholarship awards are to be applied towards tuition, fees, books, supplies and/or equipment required for the courses at the educational institution.

The Award will be made out to the student and the Educational Institution.

**Screening Committee:**

**The application Screening Committee will include one of the four Educational Committee members:**

A list of applicants with name, department or employee relationship will be provided to Screening Committee members prior to review of applications to establish potential conflict of interest issues. Any Screening Committee member who works with, or personally knows an applicant will be expected to excuse him or herself from consideration of that application. It is not the intention of the Scholarship Committee to unduly restrict Screening Committee participation. Casual knowledge of an applicant (e.g. knowing who an applicant is because they work in another division/office/location in the same department) is not sufficient to warrant their exclusion from review and/or discussion of that application.

**Selection Criteria:**

The Screening Committee will first determine that each application is complete and complies with eligibility requirements.

Scholarships will be based on financial need, personal motivation, educational and career goals, and extracurricular activities, as well as consider the overall quality of the application and the funds available to the Screening Committee for scholarships.

**Application Deadlines and Award Dates:**

It is the intent of the Scholarship Committee to maximize the assistance provided by making financial awards as early as possible in the school year.

The Application Deadline is May 31 of each year, with Award(s) made by August 1, of each year.

**Scholarship Committee:**

The Committee will consist of at least four members who will oversee the application review and award process and the financial management, including fund raising and marketing efforts of the Scholarship Fund. The Scholarship Committee shall meet at least once annually to review Scholarship Fund financial statements and the application, eligibility, requirements and screening/selection criteria and processes.

**Miscellaneous Information:**

BEO reserves the right to use the name and/or photograph of scholarship award recipients in promotional materials designed to increase awareness of the Scholarship Fund, and to solicit funding or advertise fund raising events for the Scholarship Fund.

"Black Elected Officials"

# BEO SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

## Biographical Questionnaire (Please type)

### A. You, the Student

Legal name in full:

LAST \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST \_\_\_\_\_ M.. \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Residence:

STREET AND NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

CITY STATE ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

ARE YOU: U.S. CITIZEN U.S. NATIONAL U.S. PERMANENT RESIDENT  
(Permanent Residents must include a letter stating your intent to become a U.S. citizen and a copy of your Permanent Registration Card.)

### B. Your Aspirations

1. In one or two sentences, describe your career goal: (Limit 575 characters with spaces)

### C. Your Schooling

What is your undergraduate major(s)? (Example: Academic, Medical, Journalism, Pre-Engineering and etc.)

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What is your cumulative GPA?

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How many credits does your school require for graduation? \_\_\_\_\_

How many total credits towards graduation have you earned as of January 1, 2012? \_\_\_\_\_

I HAVE APPLIED \_\_\_\_\_ I HAVE BEEN ADMITTED \_\_\_\_\_

What graduate degree, if any, do you plan to pursue? (Example: Masters in Environmental Science; Lawyer Law)

1. Beginning with the school you currently attend, list all schools you attended in the last four years, including any for summer or special courses. You will have space to list 4 schools.

SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_ LOCATION \_\_\_\_\_ DATES ATTENDED \_\_\_\_\_ GPA/GPA SCALE \_\_\_\_\_

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2. List any awards, honors, or scholarships you have received in the past four years. Please list in descending order of significance. You will have space to list up to 6 awards.

NAME	DATE	DESCRIPTION
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### D. Your Programs and Activities

1. List any programs and activities in which you have participated on campus or in your community while in school (such as clubs publications, debate, dramatics, music, art, student government...).

HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITY

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2. List internships, assistantships, and jobs (including summer employment) you have held in the past four years. You will have space to list up to 6 employers.

<u>JOB AND KIND OF WORK (SUMMER/SCHOOL YEAR)</u>	<u>EMPLOYER</u>	<u>DATES OF EMPLOYMENT</u>	<u>HOURS PER WEEK</u>
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3. List public service and community activities. Do not repeat items listed previously. Please list in descending order of significance. You will have space to list 6 activities.

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>ROLE</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>#WEEKS</u>
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4. Describe a Leadership experience in which you made a difference on campus or in your community. (Limit 2400 characters with spaces)

5. Describe a specific activity or experience that has been important in clarifying or strengthening your commitment to the community. (Limit 1000 characters with spaces)

6. Describe briefly your most significant public service, community, or campus activities associated with your interests. Explain the duration, degree, and significance of your Involvement. (Limit 2200 characters with spaces)

7. What additional information (not already addressed in the application) do you wish to share with the BEO Scholarship review committee?  
(Limit 1100 characters with spaces)

**E. Essay** (Please attach.) In 800 words or less, discuss a significant public speech, legislative act, book, or public policy statement by any Politician.  
You may use extra paper.

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