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## Criteria for Receiving Scholarship Awards

### Who Is Eligible

Students eligible to receive a scholarship from the Northern California Bay Area Chapter of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (NCBAHBCUC) are identified as *beginning* or *continuing* students and include the following:

- Bay Area high school graduates
- Students with a GED certificate
- Students from another Bay Area college or university including two year and junior colleges.

A *beginning* student is defined as any Bay Area high school graduate or a student holding a GED certificate entering for the first time a college or university that is a member of NCBAHBCUC. A *continuing* student is defined as any student previously or currently enrolled at a member NCBAHBCUC as a freshman, sophomore, junior or senior or a transfer student from a Bay Area college or university including two year and junior colleges.

### Eligibility Requirements

All applicants must meet the following criteria to be eligible for financial assistance:

- Must meet eligibility requirements as stipulated by the NCBAHBCUC and the Northern California/Bay Area Chapter of NCBAHBCUC.
- Must have already been accepted at a NCBAHBCUC member school as an undergraduate student. Student may be an entering freshman or a sophomore, junior, or senior previously or currently enrolled or a transfer student.
- Must hold a minimum 2.5 GPA (grade point average) on a 4 point scale or its equivalent on any other scale.
- Must submit a formal application and a copy of his/her most recent official transcript.
- Must submit a letter from a school representative, i.e. a teacher, counselor, coach, etc.
- Must submit a letter of recommendation from a community member, i.e. a minister, church member, a NCBAHBCUC alumnus, etc.
- Must submit a brief narrative (one or two pages typed, size 12 font, Times Roman) stating his/her academic goals.
- Must participate in the interview process if requested.

- Must have received an acceptance letter and enrollment certification from the post-secondary institution.
- Applicants' parents/guardians are expected to become active participants in fundraising projects and support other activities sponsored by the NCBAHBCUC Chapter.

### **Scholarship Awards**

- All recipients of a scholarship from the NCBAHBCUC will receive their award after presenting the proper credentials to the NCBAHBCUC scholarship committee. The Award will be presented to the financial aid office of the selected HBCU.
- All financial awards shall be given on a two-semester basis. Of the total amount awarded to each recipient, one half shall be awarded for the beginning semester's registration, and upon proof of a 2.5 or better GPA, the remaining half will be provided for the following semester's registration.
- If a recipient does not enroll for the second semester of their two-semester stipend, or does not fulfill all of the requirements as stipulated by the university and the NCBAHBCUC, all remaining monies will be forfeited.

### **Reapplication**

Award recipients still enrolled and continuing their education at the HBCU by the end of their second semester, and having a 2.5 or better GPA, may reapply for the NCBAHBCUC scholarship award.

### **Application Deadline\***

The application deadline is **March 15<sup>th</sup>**.

### **Instructions**

Please mail the application along with the requested information to:

NCBAHBCUC

Attn: Scholarship Committee

PO BOX 24781

Oakland, CA 94615-9719

### **Note\***

To allow ample time for processing, all requests for scholarships must be **postmarked or submitted** to the NCBAHBCUC scholarship committee at least by the deadline stated prior to the beginning of the semester for which you are seeking funds. Scholarships packages **postmarked or received after the deadline date will be considered for the following semester, if applicable.**