



THE PHYLLIS ADELIA MCKESEY SCHOLARSHIP AWARD ACADEMIC YEAR 2023/2024

The Off School Grounds Coalition is awarding a mother of color (*African American, Hispanic, Latin American or Native American*) a **\$10,000** scholarship to pursue a Master of Arts or Master of Education degree, at Teachers College Columbia University Summer Principals Academy New York.

ELIGIBILITY:

- ✓ Must be a Mother
- ✓ Must be a Woman of Color (*African American, Hispanic, Latin American or Native American*)
- ✓ Must be seeking to pursue a Master of Arts or Master of Education degree program
- ✓ Must be an educator and/or teacher in New York State
- ✓ Must attend the Summer Principals Academy New York

Application Submission Deadline
MAY 31, 2023

Please submit your application online at
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The Off School Grounds Coalition, Inc., "OSG" a community based educational nonprofit organization, has established the Phyllis Adelia McKesey Scholarship Award in support to mothers of color (*African American, Hispanic, Latin American or Native American*) seeking to pursue a **Master of Arts or Master of Education** degree at **Teachers College Columbia University Summer Principals Academy in New York**. The scholarship aims to remove financial barriers and provide opportunities for mothers of color to achieve their educational and career goals at one of the nations premier leadership programs.

The Off School Grounds Coalition's scholarship application is open to students applying for admission or already enrolled for the Summer 2023 or Fall 2023 semesters.

Applications Available: April 30, 2023
Application Submission Deadline: May 31, 2023
Scholarship Recipient Notified By: June 5, 2023

PURPOSE:

The Phyllis Adelia McKesey Scholarship Award is a financial assistance program designed to support aspiring school leaders and promote the importance of education. The award provides grants to mothers of color seeking to pursue a Master of Arts or Master of Education degree at Teachers College Columbia University Summer Principals Academy in New York.

The scholarship is named after Phyllis Adelia McKesey, highly-esteemed mother of Dr. Dennis McKesey, founder of The Off School Grounds Coalition, Inc "OSG" community based educational nonprofit organization. The mission of OSG is to promote the ethical application of both school and community leadership practices for the betterment of human welfare. We believe that by developing effective school leaders, we can make a significant impact on the lives of children and families and create a brighter future for all. This scholarship aims to continue her legacy and support the organization's mission by providing financial assistance to mothers of color who are committed to advancing their education and pursuing careers in educational leadership.

One (1) scholarship recipient will be awarded \$10,000 from OSG to be used for tuition fees to attend the Summer Principals Academy New York degree program. The scholarship aims to remove financial barriers and provide opportunities for mothers of color to achieve their educational and career goals.

The Teachers College Columbia University Summer Principals Academy offers a comprehensive program for aspiring school leaders, providing them with the necessary skills and knowledge to succeed in their chosen field. The scholarship is an excellent opportunity for mothers of color to pursue their passion for education and make a meaningful impact in their communities.

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ELIGIBILITY:

In order to qualify for the Phyllis Adelia McKesey Scholarship, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Must be a Mother
- Must be a Woman of Color (*African American, Hispanic, Latin American or Native American*)
- Must be seeking to pursue a Master of Art or Master of Education degree programs.
- Must be an educator and/or teacher in New York State.
- Must enroll in the Summer Principals Academy New York degree program.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

The below documentation will be required upon submission of your application by the application deadline. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

- Completed application form.
- A personal statement or essay responding to the following questions in 1000 words or less.
 - Describe your passion for educational leadership and how this scholarship will help you achieve your career goals.
 - How have you demonstrated leadership in your community and/or school environment?
 - What are your long-term career goals in the field of education?
- Transcripts from all previous academic institutions attended.
- A current resume or CV highlighting your work experience, skills, and achievements.
- Please provide 2-3 letters of recommendation from individuals who can speak to your academic achievements, leadership potential, and/or community involvement.
- Proof of enrollment in a graduate program or proof of acceptance into the Summer Principals Academy New York degree program.
- Proof of Applicant Ethnicity (Passport, long form birth certificate, parent's birth/death certificate).
- Copy of Birth Certificate of at least one (1) child.

The final stage of the scholarship award selection process involves a 30-minute virtual meeting with the committee members. This meeting offers applicants the chance to showcase their dedication to educational leadership and have a discussion with the committee. Additionally, the virtual meeting enables committee members to address any inquiries or issues they may have and provide a comprehensive evaluation of the candidate's suitability. The top three potential recipients will receive notification from a committee member (via phone or email) with the interview date and time. Only eligible applicants will be invited to the interview as a final decision.

The recipient will be invited to attend a formal dinner celebration during the OSG Golf Classic, which is held on Sunday, June 11, 2023. This event not only funds the OSG scholarship programs but also provides an opportunity for the recipient to network with OSG supporters, including business and community leaders.

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