



BLACKS IN GOVERNMENT
Coast Guard Chapter
Scholarship Program
Post Office Box 612
Waldorf, Maryland 20604

2024 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Blacks In Government is a non-profit organization that promotes EQUITY in all aspects of American Life, EXCELLENCE in public service and OPPORTUNITY for all Americans. The Coast Guard Chapter of Blacks In Government Scholarship Program is accepting applications from local high school students who will be graduating the Spring of 2024. Scholarships will be awarded in the amount of \$250 to \$750 in two categories: **Students must select only ONE scholarship category.**

- 1) **Engineering Scholarship**: Students who seek to obtain a college degree in an engineering field may select this category.
- 2) **General Scholarship**: Students who seek to obtain a college degree in any field of study may select this category.

A complete application package must be submitted to the Coast Guard Chapter of Blacks In Government, Scholarship Program, P.O. Box 612, Waldorf, Maryland 20604 or via email to biguscgscholarships@gmail.com no later than March 31, 2024. The package consists of a completed scholarship application form, a written essay, an official high school transcript, a completed certification of academic standing form, and personal recommendations.

**APPLICATION INFORMATION RECEIVED OR POSTMARKED AFTER
MARCH 31, 2024, WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE.**

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Applicant must be graduating from an accredited secondary educational institution.
- Applicant must have applied for admission into at least one accredited institution of higher learning for the Fall 2024 school term.
- Applicant must have at least a 2.0 cumulative GPA.
- Applicant must provide two recommendations. Recommendations must be signed and from an official of current school, community organization, church, or an employer.
- The applicant must reside within the Washington, DC metropolitan area, which includes the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia.

QUALIFYING COMPETITIVE FACTORS

- An essay written on one of the following topics:
 1. My chosen field of study is ...because ...
 2. How my community, church or family has influenced me
 3. Why it is important for me to attend college

Failure to address one of the specified topics disqualifies the essay. The essay must be at least 350 words, typed and double-spaced. Essays will be rated on content, depth, grammar, organization, and originality.

- Finalists will be required to participate in a telephone interview, which will involve a discussion on their essay and a question/response period. Only finalists, as determined by the committee, will be interviewed.
- Incomplete packages will not be considered.
- All information will become the property of the Coast Guard Chapter. Applicants will be sent email notification of the status of their application; therefore, it is important that an accurate email address be provided. For additional information contact: Ms. Christina Campbell, Scholarship Committee Chair at 571-607-3747 or biguscgscholarships@gmail.com.



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Scholarship Application Form

(Please type or print legibly)

Applicant's Name	
Applicant's Street Address	
Applicant's City, State and Zip Code	
Applicant's Telephone Number	
Applicant's Email Address (print legibly)	
Parent's/Guardian's Name	
School applicant attends now (name, city, state)	
Date of Graduation	
Applicant's Cumulative GPA	
Principal's Name	
Principal's Telephone Number	
School, community, church, or organizational activities:	
Honors, awards, and other achievements:	
Institution to which applicant applied for admission in 2024 (name, city and state)	
Intended field of study	
Scholarship Category: <u>Engineering or General (select one)</u>	
Provide the name of a Coast Guard employee (military or civilian) you know. If this person is retired please advise where this person was assigned prior to retirement. (i.e., Coast Guard Headquarters, Sector Baltimore, etc.) <i>This is not a requirement for scholarship consideration, just for informational purposes.</i>	

 Applicant's Signature

 Date

 Parent's/Guardian's Signature
 Required if applicant is less than 18 years old



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CERTIFICATION OF ACADEMIC STANDING

Student's Name: _____

School Name & Address: _____

Student Identification Number: _____

Please complete the following for the student named above and AFFIX SCHOOL SEAL:

_____ **Is officially enrolled for the 2023-2024 academic term**

_____ **Has a Cumulative Grade Point Average of _____**
(Please attach TRANSCRIPT)

_____ **Has an anticipated Graduation Date of _____**

_____ **Other Comments** _____

Signed by: _____
School Counselor/Administrator

Date: _____

Counselor's Email address: _____

Phone: _____

AFFIX SCHOOL SEAL HERE!



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SCHOLARSHIP RECOMMENDATION FORM

(Please type or print legibly)

Applicant's Name: _____

This applicant has applied for the Coast Guard's Chapter of Blacks In Government Scholarship. Please provide a recommendation in regard to this student's character, attitude, or any other pertinent information you wish to include. (This page can be photocopied for more than one reference, or use a blank sheet of paper.)