



**STAFFORD-FREDERICKSBURG SECTION
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN, INC.
2023-2024 Scholarship Application**



The National Council of Negro Women, Stafford-Fredericksburg Section was chartered in 1997, currently has 76 members and is a recognized community-based section of the National Council of Negro Women Inc (NCNW). NCNW was founded in 1935 by Mary McLeod Bethune, a child of slave parents, distinguished educator, and government consultant.

The mission of the Stafford-Fredericksburg Section is to advance opportunities and the quality of life for ourselves, our families, and our communities; regardless of race, creed, color, sex, religion, age, disability, national origin, or genetic information. We fulfill this mission through sustained community outreach programs: STEM workshops, meal preparation and service for homeless families, educational workshops addressing mental and physical health and abuse issues, school supply donations, and holiday gifting to spread cheer to needy families. We also collaborate with other organizations to provide services to foster a sense of community and improve the quality of life.

OUR GOALS:

- promote education with a special focus on science, technology, engineering, and math
- encourage entrepreneurship, financial literacy, and economic stability
- educate women about good health and HIV/AIDS
- promote civic engagement
- advocate for sound public policy and social justice.

The Stafford and Fredericksburg Section of the National Council of Negro Women INC. is pleased to support our local youth by announcing our 2024 Scholarship Campaign. Four talented college bound high school seniors will be awarded scholarships in the amount of \$500 each. Scholarship funds will be sent directly to the recipient's college or university.

Enclosed you will find a copy of the scholarship application form and requirements. We ask that you share this document or link with students who meet our eligibility guidelines.

Completed applications must be **emailed to ncnwsfs@gmail.com** or postmarked no later than **May 3, 2024**. All mailed documents can be mailed to:

**National Council of Negro Women SFS
PO Box 5913
Fredericksburg VA 22403**



NCNW SFS SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

Qualified applicants must:

- Be a 2024 graduating high school senior from a Stafford, Fredericksburg, Spotsylvania, or surrounding area public or private school.
- Have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale
- Submit confirmation that your application was submitted to an accredited institution of post-secondary education for the 2023-2024 academic school year.
- Submit GPA verification (current official Transcript or official Memorandum completed by the school)
- Submit **TWO** letters of recommendation written within the last 12 months
 - **ONE** letter should be from one of the following: school principal, vice principal, guidance counselor or teacher
 - **ONE** letter from a coach, civic or religious leader identifying proof of any community service or extracurricular activities.
- Submit the completed scholarship application
- Submit a **500**-word, typed and double-spaced essay describing a woman that you admire and why.
- Submit Completed Media Release Document

Application must be emailed to ncnwsfs@gmail.com or postmarked by **May 3, 2024**, to **NCNW SFS, P.O. Box 5913, Fredericksburg, VA 22403**.

Incomplete applications and those received after the above deadline will not be considered.

Scholarship recipients will be notified by email no later than **May 10, 2024.**

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



PART I: PERSONAL DATA

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: (____) _____ Age: _____

Email: _____

Name of High School: _____

Cumulative Grade Point Average: _____ (Attach GPA verification form)

List colleges or universities where you applied:

PART II: SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. What are your educational plans and career goals

2. List all extracurricular and community activities you participated in during high school.

3. Please describe any academic awards, honors, and other distinctions (e.g., honor roll, awards, scholarships, and honors, etc.).

Reminder: Please review your application and be sure to include ALL required information.

Completed applications will contain:

- Completed and signed application
- Documentation showing GPA of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 Scale
- Confirmation of post-secondary school application submittal for Fall 2024
- 2 Letters of recommendation (see above criteria)
- Completed media release form
- 500 Word typed and double-spaced essay

Applicant's Name: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Parent's Signature _____ Date: _____



MEDIA RELEASE FORM

The application form submitted to the Scholarship Committee of the National Council of Negro Women Stafford-Fredericksburg Section must include a photo of the applicant.

TO THE APPLICANT

The purpose of this release is to post pictures of our scholarship recipient on our social media, website or to the local media. We will respect your wish should you desire not to have your photo released. Please complete the form so that we will have the necessary information.

I, _____ (Print Name of Applicant) do hereby consent to the reproductions, use and distribution of my photograph/image, in whole or part, in original or modified form for use by the National Council of Negro Women Stafford- Fredericksburg Section for an unlimited time and unlimited use. Uses of my image may include but are not restricted to promoting the events and activities of the National Council of Negro Women INC in newspapers, magazines, brochures, flyers, and websites.

I assign the rights of copyright to such material to the National Council of Negro Women Stafford-Fredericksburg Section and release it and its nominees, clients, and successors indefinitely from any liability arising out of such use of my image in any and all media types.

I hereby release the National Council of Negro Women Stafford-Fredericksburg Section and its agents, licenses, successors, and assigns from all claims, liabilities and damages arising out of the rights granted hereunder, or the exercise thereof.

Student Signature Student Printed Name Date

Address City, State, Zip Code

Parent/Guardian Name Signature Parent/Guardian

Print Name of NCNW SFS Representative Signature NCNW SFS Representative

I, _____ (Print Name) do not wish to sign Media Release Authorization.

Signature _____ Date _____ Signature _____ Date _____
Student Parent



Student Grade Point Average Verification Form

(TO BE COMPLETED BY HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR OR ADMINISTRATOR)

Name of High School _____

Cumulative GPA (COMPUTED ON A 4.0 SCALE): _____

Class Rank _____

Number of Students in Senior Class _____

Name: Counselor/Administrator

Signature: Counselor/Administrator

Date