



NCNW CHICAGO CENTRAL SECTION 2024 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PACKET

The Mission of the National Council of Negro Women is to lead, develop, and advocate for women of African descent, as they support their families and communities.

The NCNW Chicago Central Section is very excited to announce we are offering scholarships to graduating seniors, graduating community or city college students in the Chicagoland community

Eligibility Requirements:

To participate in the scholarship contest, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Must have a GPA 2.3 or greater.
- Must be accepted as a full-time student at a two or four-year college or university for the upcoming 2024 fall academic semester.
- Must be a graduating senior who is attending high school in the Chicagoland area.
- Must be African American.
- Children, step-children, or grandchildren of NCNW Chicago Central Section members are ineligible.
- Must submit your application, essay, video, and all additional required documents by Monday, April 15, 2024.
- Recipients will be selected by May 15, 2024, and may be expected to orally present their essay to the NCNW Chicago Central Section members.
- All applications should be submitted via email to: info@chgocentralncnw.org.

Current Scholarships are:

\$500.00 (renewable) for two or four year institutions of higher education.
The Gertrude Memorial Scholarship is **NOT** renewable.

Respectfully,

Errika Williams
NCNW Chicago Central Section, Scholarship Chair

Dr. Ramona James,
NCNW Chicago Central Section, President



The Chicago Central Section History:

The Chicago Central Section of the National Council of Negro Women was organized in 2010 through the vision of Malaun Rice and a group of women who saw the need to take a stand to save our girls and community. These women took the NCNW national initiatives to heart and began to share information about issues affecting African American, promote healthy lifestyles, train, and prepare women and youth in career development, promote community leadership; support economic development and entrepreneurship, provide mentoring, and education support to young ladies of African descent.

Our section continues to demonstrate these initiatives through our various programs and partnerships in the community. Our activities have included partnerships and activities with Roseland Christian Ministries, Safe and Sound, Top Teens of America, The Greater Food Depository, Blue Cross Blue Shield, Sigma Gamma Rho, the Glass Slipper Project, Nicole Cares Foundation, and many more. In 2022, CCS NCNW awarded eight scholarships to Chicago area students.

In 2019, we received the 501c3 distinction and have begun seeking funding to assist in the expansion of services to the community. The section's motto is: ***Alone we can do so little, together, we can do so much. Our foundational scripture is, He makes the whole body fit together perfectly, as each part does its own special work. It helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy, growing, and full of love.*** (Ephesians 4:16, NLT)

The History of the National Council of Negro Women:

Extraordinary educator and political leader Mary McLeod Bethune (1875-1955) founded NCNW in 1935 with the support of leaders from 28 of the most notable black women's organizations. She pointed out that what was needed was not another organization, but one that would bring organizations together. Thus, the National Council of Negro Women has been forever branded as a national organization of organizations" that would represent the national and international concerns of Black women.

Today NCNW represents a coalition comprised of 200 community-based sections in 32 states and 38 national organizational affiliates working to enlighten and inspire more than 3,000,000 women and men. Our headquarters is based in the historic Dorothy Height Building, 633 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, in Washington, DC. It is strategically located between the White House and the U.S. Capitol.

Our Mission is to promote women, families, and communities through a philosophy of public education, service, and advocacy. We fulfill our mission through research, advocacy and national and community-based health, education and economic empowerment services and women in the United States.

Our current President and CEO is Dr. Shavon Arline-Bradley. Dr. Bradley is an ordained minister with over 21 years of experience in healthcare, leading Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion initiatives and government affairs.

Application Due Date: Monday, April 15, 2024

Scholarships will be awarded to imaginative risk takers who apply creativity and scholarship to write winning essays.

DEADLINE for scholarship applications is **Monday, April 15, 2024, at 11:59 pm CST.**

Refer to application process below for a list of the supporting required documents (i.e., reference forms, evidence of GPA, etc.) Incomplete applications will not be considered.

If any question does not apply to you in this application, please put N/A in the space.

Type or print legibly. Illegible applications will be returned to you.

Applicants who have been awarded a scholarship will be notified by email no later than May 19, 2024. Email any questions about the application to: info@chgocentralncnw.org.

PURPOSE: The National Council of Negro Women Central Section Scholarship and College Support is to provide financial assistance to graduating high school seniors.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS: The National Council of Negro Women Chicago Central Section Scholarship committee encourages students to use their creativity to improve their community. The scholarship application is reviewed by the committee and awarded based on academic performance, community involvement, leadership ability, and practicability of essay, business idea and plan, and references.

CRITERIA:

Applicants must be a graduating high school student with a minimum unweighted GPA of 2.3 on a 4.0 scale.

Applicants must be accepted as a full-time student at a two or four-year college or university for the upcoming academic semester.

Applicants must be a citizen or legal permanent resident of the United States. I-9 documentation is required.

Applicants must be African American.

Applicants must complete and submit a Scholarship Application by Monday, **April 15, 2024.**



Essay Question: Answer the following question in 250 words or less:

How will this scholarship help you to achieve your vision for success in your community?

TIMELINE:

- Applications and all required documents must be submitted via email to info@chgoctraincnw.org by **April 15, 2024**.
- Candidates may be asked for an interview by the Scholarship Committee. Applicant will be notified of scholarship award by **May 15, 2024**.
- **SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS:** Awards will be presented in June 2024 at the scholarship awards celebration. Applicant must provide their **student ID and the mailing address for financial aid receipt at their institution**. Award will be distributed only after all requirements are met.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS MUST PROVIDE:

- Completed application form.
- Recorded video introduction of student and reading of your essay (*Three minutes maximum*).
- High School transcript or official proof of academic standing.
- Two letters of academic references from a guidance counselor, teacher, or community member.
- Proof of enrollment at an academic school for post-secondary studies.



Application 2024 must be completed by applicant.

Please enter your responses below. If application is illegible, it will not be considered.	
1	Last Name: _____ First Name: _____
2	Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
3	Daytime Telephone Number: _____ Evening Telephone Number: _____ Email Address: _____
4	High School Attended: _____ Number of years attended HS: _____ School District: _____
5	College/ University attending in the Fall of 2024: _____ Address/ Phone: _____
6	Are you a new or returning applicant _____New _____Returning
7	Will you be a full-time student? _____



8	Grade Point Average (GPA): _____ (On a 4.0 scale) Attach proof of GPA; your most recent official school transcript required.				
9	Contact information of Parent or Legal Guardian Name _____ Phone: _____				
9a	Additional Contact information of Parent or Legal Guardian – OPTIONAL Name _____ Phone: _____				
10	What specialty do you plan to major and/or minor in as you continue your education?				
11	List the name of any colleges you have attended				
	Name of College	Year Started	Year Ended	Year Graduated	Type of Degree Received
	A.				
	B.				

Please list the following information on a separate sheet if needed.

12	SCHOOL EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Please list school extra-curricular activities in which you have participated. Note leadership roles and dates.
13	AREA OF STUDY: What is your major and why?



14	ORGANIZATIONS: Please list community organizations such as service, volunteer, and religious organizations in which you are now active or have previously been active. Note leadership roles and dates.	
15	RECOGNITIONS: Please list awards and recognitions received. Note organizations presenting honor and date.	
16	GOALS: What are the short (one year or less) and long-term (10 years) goals for your life?	
CHECKLIST: The following items must be attached to the email application for the application to qualify to be reviewed by the scholarship committee. Your application will be disqualified if these items are not attached to this application. (No exceptions.) Circle "YES" or "NO" to be sure you have attached each item as required.		
YES	NO	Two letters of reference are required. Your reference can email their letter directly to the scholarship committee –OR - you may scan and attach a SIGNED reference letter along with your application.
YES	NO	Proof of enrollment at an academic school for post-secondary studies
YES	NO	Most recent high school or college transcript (if you are a returning applicant).
YES	NO	Answers to questions 1-16

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true, correct and without forgery. I also consent that my picture may be taken and used for any purpose deemed necessary to promote the Scholarship Program.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, according to scholarship policy, I must provide evidence of enrollment/registration at the post-secondary institution of my choice before scholarship funds can be awarded.

Signature of scholarship applicant: _____ Date: _____