

## WHIHBCU STUDENT RECOGNITION

### *BACKGROUND*

The White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) is excited to announce the relaunch of their Student Recognition Program. This recognition is designed to identify current HBCU students for their dedication to academics, leadership and civic engagement. Moving forward rather than having students self-nominate we will only receive application forms and requested materials from HBCU Presidents/ Chancellors or surrogated HBCU faculty. No more than 2 nominations can be submitted from an HBCU.

HBCU Students are able to self-nominate and faculty are able to provide recommendations to the office of the president; the HBCU President will make the final decision and select no more than 2 students to be recognized from their institution.

### *PROGRAM DETAILS*

Students will be recognized and acknowledge by the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities for one academic school year. During the course of an academic school year selected members of the WHIHBCU Staff will reach out to recognized students to inform them of outreach and engagement opportunities that they can take advantage of or communicate to their fellow students. Recognized students will also receive a formal invitation to attend the 2018 Annual HBCU Week Conference where they will engage with WHIHBCU staff, attend professional development sessions and explore the nation's capital.

Through personal and professional relationships with community-based organizations, public and private sector entities, selected students will share promising and proven practices with key stakeholders that support opportunities for all young people. In addition, this opportunity will also allow students to participate in regional events, as well as, web chats facilitated by WHIHBCU staff and other professionals from a wide range of disciplines that support a spirit of engagement, entrepreneurship, personal and professional development.

### *ELIGIBILITY AND RULES*

The nominated student must be a **current** undergraduate, graduate, or professional student at a Historically Black College or University (HBCU). Student must be enrolled for the 2018-2019 academic school year.

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Together the students comprise the next generation of HBCU leaders who will booster educational excellence, innovation and economic competitiveness. During their time at the National convening, recognized students are encouraged to carefully assess their own professional aspirations, as well as the needs of their institutions, to determine the many ways that our initiative might be able to support them and their campuses.

While attending the HBCU Week Conference and during the academic school year students must adhere to the following:

- Participating students must conduct themselves with integrity and respect at all times.
- Participating students should not directly participate or intervene in any political campaign while on duty.
- Participating students are encouraged to take advantage of the many opportunities that will be sent to them via WHIHBCU communications.
- Participating students should assess and articulate their own professional aspirations, as well as the needs of their institutions, to determine the many ways that our initiative might be able to support them, their fellow students and institutions.

## **STUDENT BENEFITS**

### **\*Public Recognition**

- Student names and institutions will be mentioned in an official U.S. Department of Education and White House Press Release
- Student names, institution and home towns will also be provided to the U.S. Departments, Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs to inform U.S. and State Representatives.
- Formal Recognition Ceremony during 2018 HBCU Week National Conference

### **\*Invitation to 2018 HBCU Week National Conference**

- Participating students will attend workshops designed to help them establish best practices as it pertains to, leadership, professional development, Entrepreneurship and workforce development.
- The WHIHBCU Staff will plan activities that will take place off of conference grounds such as: Capitol Hill visits, tours and town halls with senior officials and HBCU community leaders

### **\*Recognition Letter/Lapel Pin**

- Recognized students will receive an acknowledgment letter signed by the WHIHBCU Executive Director.
- Participating students will also receive a lapel pin

### **\*Invitation to Regional meetings**

- Recognized students may be invited to White House Initiative hosted events/meetings in their region. This provides students with an opportunity to articulate their needs, articulate needs and interests surrounding the events and also serves as another opportunity to network with partners and stakeholders.