



WHITE HOUSE INITIATIVE ON ADVANCING EDUCATION EQUITY, EXCELLENCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY
THROUGH HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

HBCU Scholar Recognition Program

The White House Initiative on Advancing Education Equity, Excellence and Economic Development through Historically Black Colleges and Universities (Initiative) works to promote HBCU equity and excellence. Annually the Initiative recognizes undergraduate, graduate, and professional students for their accomplishments in scholarship, leadership, entrepreneurship, and civic engagement.

Nominate a HBCU Scholar today!

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Privacy Act Statement

Authority - This information is being collected under the authority of Presidential Executive Order 14041, White House Initiative on Advancing Educational Equity, Excellence, and Economic Opportunity Through Historically Black Colleges and Universities (September 3, 2021).

Purpose - The primary purpose of the information collected is to administer the White House Initiative on Advancing Educational Equity, Excellence, and Economic Opportunity through Historically Black Colleges and Universities. The information is reviewed and then used to determine the eligibility of candidates, make a tentative selection, verify application information, process applications, and inform the general public of the individuals who receive the recognition.

Disclosures – Results of the Initiative will be posted on the Department's public-facing website to inform the public of the individuals who receive recognition from the Initiative. In addition, the Department may share information with Congressional members who want to formally congratulate students from their respective districts.

Participation - Providing the personal information requested is voluntary; however, failure to provide this information may result in ineligibility for participation in the program or delays or errors in the processing of the application you have completed. It may eventually prevent us from offering you recognition by the Initiative.

PROGRAM DETAILS

This is an opportunity for HBCUs to nominate an outstanding scholar on their campus. This is also an opportunity for current students to nominate themselves for this prestigious recognition. It should be noted that only complete applications will be reviewed by the Initiative staff. Up to two applicants from each participating HBCU will be selected. The Initiative suggests that applications be streamlined their applications internally before final submission to the Initiative. The applicant, HBCU Presidents/ Chancellors or designated HBCU faculty **MUST** sign and endorse student applications. Applications that are not signed will not be reviewed.

Students will be recognized and acknowledged by the White House Initiative on Advancing Education Equity, Excellence and Economic Development through Historically Black Colleges and Universities (Initiative). Their formal recognition will last, one academic school year; during an academic school year Initiative staff will inform recognized students of outreach and engagement opportunities that they can take advantage of or communicate to their fellow students.

Over the specified academic school year, students apart in the HBCU Scholar Recognition Program will serve as representatives of their respective institutions, communities and to the Initiative. The Initiative will provide outreach and engagement opportunities for selected students throughout the academic school year as well as information and resources that students can take advantage of or disseminate to their peers. Selected students will participate in regional events, virtual convenings, and monthly master classes with the Initiative staff and other professionals from a wide range of disciplines. Most importantly, students will have opportunities to engage and partner with one another to showcase individual and collective talent across the HBCU spectrum.

Recognized students will also receive a formal invitation to attend the National Annual HBCU Week Conference where they will engage with initiative staff and key stakeholders and participate professional development sessions and explore some of the many sites the nation's capital has to offer. 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.

ELIGIBILITY AND RULES

1. Nominee must be a **current** undergraduate, graduate, or professional student at a Historically Black College or University (HBCU). Student must be enrolled for the 2024-2025 academic school year. [View HBCU Listing by State](#)
2. Only **complete** nominations will be accepted. This includes signed nomination form, unofficial transcripts, resume, headshot/photo, personal interest statement and recommendation letter.
3. Submissions entered past the **April 19, 2024**; due date will not be acknowledged.

All application materials must be submitted electronically, inquiries can be sent to hbcuscholars@ed.gov

HBCU Scholar Nomination Form

HBCU STUDENT INFORMATION

Legal Name (Last)*		Legal Name (First) *	
Year* : (rising sophomore and beyond) Sophomore <input type="checkbox"/> Junior <input type="checkbox"/> Senior <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate <input type="checkbox"/> Doctoral <input type="checkbox"/>			
Major* (No Abbreviations):			
Pronouns: He/Him/Hers <input type="checkbox"/>		She/Her/Hers <input type="checkbox"/>	
Them/They/Thiers <input type="checkbox"/>			
Grade Point Average (GPA):			
Primary Mailing Address*:			
City*:		State*:	Zip*:
Phone:		Primary E-mail*:	
Student Signature:			Date:

* REQUIRED

HBCU PRESIDENT /CHANCELLOR /FACULTY INFORMATION

Legal Name (First, Last) *		
College or University*:		
Title *:		
City*:	State*:	Zip*:
Phone:	Primary E-mail*:	
Signature:		Date:

* REQUIRED

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HBCU SCHOLAR APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

ALL APPLICATIONS ARE DUE NO LATER THAN APRIL 19, 2024!

ONLY complete applications will be reviewed. Complete application consists of filling out all fields of the application and submitting the supporting documents to include: *a photo, resume, personal interest statement, letter of recommendation, and an unofficial transcript.*

Part A: SIGNED NONMINATION FORM, application **MUST be signed/endorsed** by the student applicant; their HBCU President/Chancellor or designated HBCU Faculty.

Part B: UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT, a copy of your transcript should be included. While there is no G.P.A. requirement a transcript provides the Initiative with an illustration of your academic journey

Part C: ENDORSEMENT/COMMITMENT LETTER, one academic letter of recommendation must be provided. Letters **MUST** be on official letterhead. Letters can come from HBCU Presidents, professors, faculty advisers, internship and job supervisors who can speak to your talents, academic work, capabilities, and career potential.

Part D: STUDENT INTEREST ESSAY (To be completed by the Nominee)
in 300 words or less share your unique background and reason for wanting to participate in this recognition program. Share how your experience in this recognition program will fit into your personal and professional career goals.

Part E: RESUME

Please include your professional resume. Your resume should not exceed 2 pages.

SCHOLAR PHOTO: photo must be high resolution. If student is selected, this photo may be used in press releases and for social media content.

SUBMISSION PROCESS

- Submit applications to: HBCUScholars@ed.gov. Deadline is April 19, 2024.
- Only two students from each participating HBCU will be selected. Please streamline candidates prior to submitting applications to the Initiative.
- Please copy HBCU President and designated faculty to submission email for situational awareness.
- When submitting your final application, there should be two attachments for each student candidate: your headshot/photo as a JPG file, and the other supporting documents merged as one PDF file.

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