

# ARNITA Y. BOSWELL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD



ACADEMIC YEAR 2014-2015

INSTRUCTIONS AND APPLICATION

## **BRIEF HISTORY**

**The National Hook-Up of Black Women (NHBW), Inc.** was conceived by fourteen spirited women who recognized a need to establish a communication network between women's organizations and individuals to support the Congressional Black Caucus Legislative efforts and to provide a national forum to articulate the needs and concerns of Black women and families.

Organized in September, 1974 during the Congressional Black Caucus, this group of dedicated women banded together to render support and leadership assistance to the female members of the Caucus. Founding members included. Arnita Y. Boswell, Marica Y. Boles, Helen Cave, Joan G. Fuselier, Aileen Hernandez, Martha Lewis, Levern Love, Jolaine May, Evelyn Moore, Erska K. Poston, Inez S. Reid, Audrey Rowe, Jeanne Spurlock and Joyce Wein. Historically, NHBW's agenda has been to impact public policy and legislation for the betterment of the Black community in general and the economic and political status of Black women.

## **TODAY**

**The National Hook-Up of Black Women, Inc. strives to:**

- Share skills and knowledge with others
- Create an atmosphere in which Black Women are able to bring about meaningful changes in both their public and private lives.
- Improve the quality of life in the community
- Establish ties among working women around the country
- Provide positive role models for young Black Women

## **MEMBERSHIP**

NHBW MEMBERSHIP reflects a rich diversity of working Women. Membership comes from varied businesses, professions and community disciplines, representing a broad constituency, which crosses all economic, social and political status of people around the world.

**LOCAL CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIPS** - All local chapters of the NHBW award scholarships. Please sign on to our website at [www.nhbwinc.com](http://www.nhbwinc.com) to check for a chapter in your city.

## **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this scholarship award, in honor of our founder, Dr. Arnita Young-Boswell, is to recognize and honor African-American female and male students who have demonstrated academic excellence, concern for their community and the Black family, and a desire to continue their studies to completion. The required factors may be demonstrated through participation in religious, community, high school/college, and political activities.

## **GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

Applicants for NHBW, Inc. Arnita Boswell Scholarship must:

- Enter an accredited college or university as a **freshman, sophomore, junior or senior**
- Have accumulative grade point average (**GPA**) of **2.75** or better from your previous or present institution
- Be involved in **school** and **community activities**
- Demonstrate a **mastery** of written communication skills in a 300 to 500 word essay

## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

- Complete application on Backside of this page and return to the Scholarship Committee along with **a 4x5 color Head Shot photo or larger of yourself**.
- Application must be accompanied by **two current letters of recommendation** (**please ask writer to be specific**) and written by a school and a community representative.
- Letters from supervisors and/or copies of **certificates of participation** from organizations where you **performed your community service**. (**Applicant must have verified volunteer hours**) **Please be specific about your duties**.
- Have the last school you attended submit **an official transcript** to the address below.
- Application must be accompanied by an essay that adheres to the following standards:
  - **Essay must contain 300 to 500 words**
  - **Essay must be typed and double spaced**
  - **Essay must be written on the following topic:**

**ESSAY:** In recent months, there has been much discussion about Affordable Health Care (ObamaCare). After presenting some of the pros and cons, support your position for or against Affordable Health Care and the impact it will have on the economy. Include references for all materials reviewed on the topic. (Be very specify and support your issue)

**Mail all completed information to:**

**Ms. Barbara R. Harvey, Chairperson  
NHBW Scholarship Committee  
3412 Blue Jay Drive  
Tallahassee, FL 32305**

**DEADLINE: ALL DOCUMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY March 1, 2014.**

**Dr. Arnita Y. Boswell Scholarship**

**Student Information**

**PLEASE PRINT**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL PRESENTLY ATTENDING (COLLEGE YOU WILL ATTEND 2014-15)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS OF COLLEGE FOR 2014-15 \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

PROGRAM OF STUDY FOR 2014-15 \_\_\_\_\_

CLASSIFICATION FOR 2014-15 \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL/COLLEGE/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: \_\_\_\_\_

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OTHER INTERESTS: (attached RESUME IS ACCEPTABLE)

WORK EXPERIENCE: (attached RESUME IS ACCEPTABLE)