

**ARNITA Y. BOSWELL
SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**



ACADEMIC YEAR 2012-13

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, Ersa 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 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: If we recognize that the communities must play an important role in providing resources that assist in the development of academic ability and that the mandate of educating all children rest on all of us, what would be your role of engagement and commitment in your community?

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, 2012.

STUDENT INFORMATION
PLEASE PRINT

NAME _____ SS#: _____

ADDRESS _____ Phone: _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

COLLEGE PRESENTLY ATTENDING (OR COLLEGE WHERE YOU HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED)

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

PROGRAM OF STUDY _____ Class _____

SCHOOL/COLLEGE/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: _____

OTHER INTERESTS: (attached RESUME IS ACCEPTABLE)

WORK EXPERIENCE: (attached RESUME IS ACCEPTABLE)