



**Blacks in Government
Department of Health and Human Services/
College Park Complex Chapter**

2017 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

BACKGROUND

Blacks in Government (BIG) is a professional organization for the civil service employee. The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), College Park Complex Chapter is comprised of employees of HHS and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) who are located in Washington, DC and College Park, Maryland. Additional information on the national organization of BIG may be found at <http://www.bignet.org>. Additional information on the HHS/College Park Complex Chapter may be found at <http://www.bignet.org/regional/hhs-sw.complex>.

AWARDS

The HHS/College Park Complex Chapter is pleased to announce that it will award at least three \$1,000 academic scholarships and at least two \$500 Reginald Bennett and Garnett Wood Book Awards in 2017.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be considered for a book award or scholarship, the applicant must:

- ◆ Be a graduating senior from an accredited secondary educational institution in one of these areas (BIG Region XI, <http://www.bigrxi.org/>): District of Columbia, Charles County, MD, Montgomery County, MD, Prince Georges County, MD, Alexandria, VA, Arlington County, VA, Fairfax City, VA, Fairfax County, VA, Falls Church, VA, Loudon County, VA, and Prince William County, VA.
- ◆ Enter a four-year university or college as a full-time freshman in the Fall of 2017;
- ◆ Have a scholastic average of at least 2.70 on a 4.0 scale (unweighted);
- ◆ Not be an immediate relative (son or daughter) of a member of the BIG HHS/College Park Complex Chapter.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

The application packet must include the following:

- ◆ Scholarship Application (attached). A typed application is preferred. **Please do not fold the application or use staples.**
- ◆ One recommendation from an official or teacher of the applicant's current school, with the official's signature on the letter.
- ◆ One recommendation from an official of the applicant's extracurricular activity (e.g., school activity, community organization, church, or employer), with the official's signature on the letter.
- ◆ A copy of the applicant's high school transcript in an envelope sealed by a school official, with the official's signature or the school stamp *across* the sealed portion of the envelope.
- ◆ A copy of the applicant's resume, which will include GPA, any work experience, extracurricular activities, community service, AP courses, honors courses, and college credit courses.
- ◆ The 2017 National Black History Month theme is "The Crisis in Black Education". Please provide a typed, single-spaced essay that is between one and three pages on the following topic:

In January 2015, U.S. News reported that "U.S. Education: Still Separate and Unequal." Brown v. Board of Education (1954), acknowledged as one of the greatest Supreme Court decisions of the 20th century, unanimously held that the racial segregation of children in public schools violated the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment. Do you believe we are facing similar challenges today? Should the U.S. Department of Education impose educational standards on States to ensure fair and equitable education regardless of race and/or social economic status?

- ◆ The completed application packet **must be postmarked by March 22, 2017** and returned to the address below. Final selections will be made by **April 26, 2017**.

Rhoma Johnson, PhD
BIG Scholarship Committee Chair
FDA/ HFS-317
5100 Paint Branch Parkway
College Park, MD 20740

*For additional information or questions, please contact Rhoma Johnson, PhD at 240-402-2066
or Reginald Bennett at 240-402-2009.*



**Blacks in Government
Department of Health and Human Services/
College Park Complex Chapter**

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Directions: Please type or print your information on the blanks provided. You may attach additional sheets if needed. Put your name on the top of each separate page submitted.

I. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Student's Name:

Permanent Address:

Home Telephone Number:

Cell Phone Number:

Email Address:

Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s):

Name: _____

II. SCHOOL INFORMATION

High School:

Address:

High School Counselor:

Graduation Date:

Grade Point Average: _____

(Check One) Unweighted: _____ Weighted: _____

IV. COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

List the colleges and universities to which you have applied. Please place an asterisk next to those to which you have been accepted.

- | | |
|----------|----------|
| 1. _____ | 5. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 8. _____ |

Name: _____

V. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

List the school and community organizations in which you have participated in high school, the years during which you participated, and any office(s) you held or currently hold in those organizations. Also list community service activities in which you regularly participate.

ACTIVITY	YEAR(S) YOU PARTICIPATED (e.g., 9 th -11 th grades)	OFFICE(S) HELD

VI. COMMUNITY SERVICE

List community service activities in which you regularly participate.

ACTIVITY	YEAR(S) YOU PARTICIPATED (e.g., 9 th -11 th grades)	NUMBER OF HOURS COMPLETED

VII. HONORS, AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

List the honors, awards and any other recognition that you have received and the dates you received them.

VIII. INTERN/WORK EXPERIENCE

List your part or full time work or intern experience (paid or unpaid). Start with your most recent job, identifying the employer, job title, supervisor, and length of each position.

EMPLOYER	JOB TITLE	SUPERVISOR	DATES OF EMPLOYMENT
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

IX. CERTIFICATION

By the signature below, you affirm that all information you provide is true and complete to the best of your knowledge. Misrepresentation or the submission of inaccurate or incomplete information will result in disqualification or forfeiture of any award.

Applicant Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

High School Counselor Signature

Date