



National Forum for Black Public Administrators

## **2009-2010 ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

The National Forum for Black Public Administrators (NFBPA) is pleased to announce its 2009-2010 Academic Scholarship Program season. The NFBPA Scholarship Program is designed to recognize students who are currently enrolled in a college or university at the time of application and who exemplify outstanding leadership, scholarship and public service. Through partnerships with corporate supporters, public sector organizations and individual contributors, NFBPA is pleased to be able to recognize students who have achieved extraordinary success in the field of public management with great promise of success and professionalism.

We are pleased to invite graduate and undergraduate students to participate in this year's program as we look forward to making over 10 sizable awards.

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**The Application Submission Deadline for all 2009 Scholarships is  
Friday, March 20, 2009**

Application packages must be postmarked by the deadline for program consideration. Please be sure to indicate the scholarship for which you are applying. Submissions will be screened and reviewed by mid March 2009 for consideration and forwarded to a selection committee for additional review and final approval.

### **ALL APPLICATION PACKAGES SHOULD INCLUDE:**

- Completed and signed Scholarship Application Form
- A one-page cover letter describing your current student status, and other relevant information that might be used in evaluating your application (extra-curricula activities, volunteer activities, etc).
- An OFFICIAL graduate (if applicable) transcript(s); graduate students must also submit;
- An OFFICIAL undergraduate (if applicable) transcript(s)
- Three (3) reference letters, at least one of which should be from a faculty member.
- A photocopy of the applicant's current semester validated Student ID Card.
- A Current Resume; and

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- A three-page typed autobiographical essay, detailing your academic and career goals and objectives.
  - Using 8 ½" x 11" white paper; Triple-space after the title and Double-space the body of your essay, using 1" margins all around. (No extra documents such as pictures and certificates are allowed.)

Application materials must be mailed in one packet. Transcripts and letters of recommendation (in sealed envelopes) may be sent under separate cover, if necessary. Incomplete, e-mailed or faxed applications will not be considered.

#### **NOTIFICATION**

Due to the volume of applications received, NFBPA will only notify applicants who are selected to receive a scholarship. Winners of the scholarships will be notified by April 10, 2009 of the selection. Winner's names will be posted on the NFBPA web site. [www.nfbpa.org](http://www.nfbpa.org)

#### **NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS**

13 Scholarships are available for the 2009-2010 academic year.

#### **AMOUNT OF AWARDS**

\$1,000 - \$10,000 depending on scholarship.

#### **SCHOLARSHIP DURATION**

Scholarships are awarded for a period of one academic year. Students may re-apply for consideration for the next academic year for other scholarship offerings. Re-awards are not given.

#### **METHOD OF PAYMENT**

Scholarship payments are mailed directly to the recipient's college or university in August 2009 for the Fall semester. Scholars may request that all or a portion of the award be disbursed per semester. Scholars may use the scholarship to only cover the costs of college-related expenses (tuition, fees, books, room and board)

#### **ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS IF SELECTED, INCLUDE**

- Required travel to NFBPA's 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, FORUM 2009 in Oakland, California to receive your scholarship. FORUM dates are April 25-29, 2009. Limited hotel and air accommodations will be arranged and provided.
- Submission of a professional photo (jpeg)
- A one paragraph biographical sketch, highlighting academic attainment and future goals
- Name and Address of Applicant's Hometown Newspaper

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## **NFBPA 2009-2010 SCHOLARSHIPS**

### **CDM SCHOLARSHIP**

The **CDM Scholarship** will be awarded to an African-American graduate or undergraduate student interested in pursuing a career in public service. CDM, a long-standing member of the NFBPA National Corporate Advisory Council, has agreed to offer an award of \$5,000 to a deserving student. This award is designed to help NFBPA further achieve its mission of attracting the best and brightest African Americans to careers in public service.

#### **Eligibility**

Applicants must be full-time students, **working towards an undergraduate or graduate degree in public administration, political science, urban affairs, public policy, or a related field**. Candidates should have excellent interpersonal and analytical abilities. Strong oral and written communication skills are a must. All applicants should have a 3.0 or better grade point average. Candidates should have at least one full time semester remaining (after May 2009). While this is not a needs-based award, applicants who are currently receiving full tuition and stipends will not be considered.

### **CIGNA HealthCare SCHOLARSHIPS**

In an effort to support the education and development of African-American students and prepare them for careers in public administration, **CIGNA HealthCare**, a member of the NFBPA National Corporate Advisory Council will offer three scholarships to three students preferably attending Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU). The scholarships being provided are: two \$5,000 scholarships for two graduate students preferably attending an HBCU, and one \$10,000 scholarship for an undergraduate student preferably attending an HBCU.

#### **Eligibility [\$5,000 Graduate Scholarships]**

Applicants must be full-time students, **working towards a graduate degree in public administration, political science, urban affairs, public policy, or a related field** preferably at an HBCU. Candidates should have excellent interpersonal and analytical abilities. Strong oral and written communication skills are a must. All applicants should have a 3.0 or better grade point average. Candidates should have at least one full time semester remaining (after May 2009). While this is not a needs-based award, applicants who are currently receiving full tuition and stipends will not be considered.

#### **Eligibility [\$10,000 Undergraduate Scholarship]**

Applicants must be full-time students, **working towards an undergraduate degree in public administration, political science, urban affairs, public policy, or a related field** preferably at an HBCU. Candidates should have excellent interpersonal and analytical abilities. Strong oral and written communication skills are a must. All applicants should have a 3.5 or better grade point average. Candidates should have completed one full-time college semester, and have at least one full-time academic year remaining (after May 2009). The scholarship requires verification of financial need (applicant must submit FAFSA documentation). This is a needs-based award so applicants who are currently receiving full tuition and stipends will not be considered.

- ✓ **Special application package for the CIGNA \$10,000 Undergraduate Scholarship should include:**
  - A cover letter describing your current student status, and other relevant information that might be used in evaluating your application (extra-curricula activities, volunteer activities, etc).
  - Official copies of all undergraduate transcripts. Transcripts must be included in application package (not sent separately).
  - Provide scores from the American College Testing (ACT) program or the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) administered by the College Entrance Examination Board.
  - A copy of your Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Student Aid Report (SAR)
  - Two (2) reference letters, at least one of which should be from a faculty member.
  - A three-page autobiographical essay, detailing academic and career goals and objectives

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- A three-page essay on the following topic: **In your opinion, what are the five most critical skills public administrators ought to possess, and why?**
- A current resume.

### **CPS HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES**

The **Walter Vaughn Excellence in Human Resources Scholarship** in the amount of \$2,500 will be awarded to a deserving African-American graduate or undergraduate student currently enrolled in an accredited college or university to support their education and development. The scholarship, established by **CPS Human Resource Services**, is designed to promote and encourage advancement in the practice of **Human Resource Management** and to develop strategic leaders pursuing studies in the field of human resource management.

#### **Eligibility**

Applicants must be full-time students, **working toward an undergraduate or graduate degree in public administration, human resource management, or a related field**. Applicants must be involved in extra-curricular activities (excluding athletics) and should have excellent interpersonal and leadership abilities. Strong oral and written communication skills are a must. All applicants should have a 3.0 or better grade point average. Applicants should have at least one full time semester remaining (after May 2009) and be enrolled in the upcoming fall semester.

### **JOHNNIE L. COCHRAN, JR. /MWH SCHOLARSHIP**

The **Johnnie L. Cochran, Jr. /MWH Scholarship** will be awarded to an African-American undergraduate or graduate student interested in pursuing a career in public service. MWH, a long-standing member of the NFBPA National Corporate Advisory Council has agreed to offer an award of \$5,000 to a deserving student. This award is designed to help NFBPA further achieve its mission of attracting the best and brightest African Americans to careers in public service.

#### **Eligibility**

Applicants must be full-time students, **working towards an undergraduate or graduate degree in public administration, political science, urban affairs, public policy, or a related field**. Candidates should have excellent interpersonal and analytical abilities. Strong oral and written communication skills are a must. All applicants should have a 3.0 or better grade point average. Candidates should have at least one full time semester remaining (after May 2009). While this is not a needs-based award, applicants who are currently receiving full tuition and stipends will not be considered.

### **LAND-USE PLANNING SCHOLARSHIP**

In an effort to support the education and development of post-secondary African American students, prepare them for work in the field of **urban planning** and further diversify The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) workforce, M-NCPPC will offer a \$3,000 scholarship to a deserving student.

#### **Eligibility**

Applicants must be full-time students, **working towards a degree (master's or doctoral) in urban planning or a related field (such as transportation engineering, landscape architecture, environmental planning, etc.)**. The student must be enrolled in an accredited college or university and either have a home domicile in the state of Maryland or attend a college or university located in Maryland. Candidates should have excellent interpersonal and analytical abilities. Strong oral and written communication skills are a must. All applicants should have a 3.0 or better grade point average. Candidates should have at least one full time semester remaining (after May 2009). While this is not a needs-based award, applicants who are currently receiving full tuition and stipends will not be considered.

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- ✓ Prior to payment, this Scholarship requires that the recipient provide one of the following as chosen by The Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC):
  - Consultation on ways to enhance minority interest in the planning field and further diversify the Planning Department's employment mix, and outreach and engagement strategies targeting African American and/or minority communities.
- OR
- Prepare a concept paper on a topic associated with the Planning Department's work program (to be identified by the Planning Department).

M-NCPPC will contact the recipient in August 2009 to finalize date and time of submission.

### **GRANT CAPITAL MANAGEMENT CORPORATION SCHOLARSHIP**

The **Grant Capital Management Corporation Scholarship** in the amount of \$5,000 will be awarded to an African-American graduate or undergraduate student interested in pursuing a career in public services with a particular interest in public finance. Grant Capital Management Corporation, a member of the NFBPA National Corporate Advisory Council, has agreed to offer an award of \$5,000 to a deserving student. This award is designed to help NFBPA further achieve its mission of attracting the best and brightest African Americans to careers in public service.

#### **Eligibility**

Applicants must be full-time students, working towards an undergraduate or graduate degree in **public administration, public finance, accounting, political science, urban affairs, public policy or a related field**. Candidates should have excellent interpersonal and analytical abilities. Strong oral and written communication skills are a must. All applicants should have a 3.0 or better grade point average. Candidates should have at least one full time semester remaining (after May 2009). While this is not a needs-based award, applicants who are currently receiving full tuition and stipends will not be given first consideration.

### **MCKINLEY FINANCIAL SERVICES SCHOLARSHIP**

The **McKinley Financial Scholarship** will be awarded to an African-American undergraduate or graduate student pursuing a career in public service. In an effort to support the education and development of African-American students and prepare them for careers in public administration, McKinley Financial Services, Inc. has agreed to offer an award of \$1,000 to a deserving student.

#### **Eligibility**

Applicants must be full-time students, **working towards an undergraduate or graduate degree in public administration, political science, urban affairs, public policy, or a related field**. Candidates should have excellent interpersonal and analytical abilities. Strong oral and written communication skills are a must. All applicants should have a 3.0 or better grade point average. Candidates should have at least one full time semester remaining (after May 2009). While this is not a needs-based award, applicants who are currently receiving full tuition and stipends will not be considered.

### **PAULA HILL REED STUDENT ENCOURAGEMENT SCHOLARSHIP**

The **Student Encouragement Scholarship** will be awarded to an African-American full-time undergraduate Sophomore or Junior student in the amount of \$1,800 with average academic credentials (2.8 to 3.2) attending an Historically Black College or University, pursuing a career in social services, public service or education. This scholarship is awarded in an effort to motivate and strongly encourage the continuation of education and personal development. Applicants should have strong leadership abilities, as well as strong written, oral and analytical

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abilities. Volunteer and community service participation will be favorably looked upon. Candidates should be returning as a full-time student to the university of current enrollment for the Fall 2009 academic semester.

- ✓ **The application package for the Paula Hill Reed Student Encouragement Scholarship should include the following information in addition to the overall requirements.**
  - An introductory cover letter
  - An essay that provides insight of educational and life goals, include examples of volunteer, community or public service involvement.
  - Applicants must provide official copies of all undergraduate transcripts.
  - Two (2) personal letters of recommendation and one reference letter from a university faculty member or department dean.
  - A current resume.

### **RA CONSULTING SERVICE / MARIA RILEY SCHOLARSHIP**

The **RA Consulting Service Maria Riley Scholarship** will be awarded to an African-American undergraduate or graduate student pursuing a degree in engineering technology. Herb R. Riley, President, RA Consulting Services, and longtime NCAC NFBPA member, has designated \$1,500 to support the education and development of public administrators serving in the engineering and information technology fields.

#### **Eligibility**

Applicants must be full-time students, **working towards an undergraduate or graduate degree in engineering or information technology**. Candidates should have excellent interpersonal and analytical abilities. Strong oral and written communication skills are a must. All applicants should have a 3.0 or better grade point average. Candidates should have at least one full time semester remaining (after May 2009). While this is not a needs-based award, applicants who are currently receiving full tuition and stipends will not considered.

### **THE FUTURE COLLEAGUES SCHOLARSHIP**

The **Future Colleagues Scholarship** will be awarded to an undergraduate student pursuing a career in public service. Andra Wicks, an NFBPA member, and Supervisor Nathan Miley, District 4, Alameda County Board of Supervisors, have designated a \$1,000 scholarship for an African-American student working towards an undergraduate degree in public administration.

#### **Eligibility**

This award is designated specifically for a full-time undergraduate student with average academic credentials (2.5 to 3.0). Applicants should have strong written, oral and analytical abilities. Volunteer service will be favorably looked upon. Candidates should have at least one full-time semester remaining (after May 2009).

- ✓ **The application package for the Future Colleagues Scholarship should include the following information in addition to the overall requirements.**
  - A 500-word essay which provides an example of prior public or community service involvement and how it has influenced your future aspirations in public administration.

### **WILLIE T. LOUD - CH2M HILL SCHOLARSHIP**

The **Willie T. Loud -CH2M Hill Scholarship** will be awarded to an African-American undergraduate or graduate student pursuing a career in public service. Since 1997, CH2M Hill has offered this award of \$5,000, to a deserving student pursuing a career in public administration, urban affairs, or a related field. This scholarship is designed to assist NFBPA to further achieve its mission of grooming the next generation of African Americans for careers in public service.

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Applicants must be full-time students, working towards a **Bachelor's or Master's degree in Public Administration or a related field**. They should have strong interpersonal skills, excellent writing, analytical and oral communication abilities. All applicants should have a 3.0 or better grade point average. Candidates should have at least one full time semester remaining (after May 2009). While this is not a needs-based award, applicants who are currently receiving full tuition and stipends will not be considered.

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The NFBPA National Corporate Advisory Council provides approximately 25 full-time university students with conference registration scholarships to attend the FORUM. Scholarship recipients are responsible for their own travel, hotel and other related costs. To apply for FORUM Scholarships, applicants should:

- Submit a completed conference registration application (available on-line at [www.nfbpa.org](http://www.nfbpa.org)).
- Submit a brief typed essay limited to one or two pages using 8 ½" x 11" white paper. Use your NAME and ESSAY title as your introduction **Triple-space** after the title and **Double-space** the body of your essay and use 1" margins all around. (No extra documents such as pictures and certificates are allowed.) The Essay should be written on the topic of: **THE SOCIO-POLITICAL IMPACT OF BARACK OBAMA'S PRESIDENCY**.
- Include a letter of reference from a faculty member or current NFBPA member.
- A photocopy of the applicant's current semester validated Student ID Card.
- Applications for FORUM Scholarships can be faxed to ATTN: Valerie Reed NFBPA Scholarships at 202-408-8558.

**Applications packages should be sent to  
NFBPA Scholarships  
ATTN: Valerie Reed  
777 N. Capitol Street, NE, Suite 807  
Washington, DC 20002**

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Applicants must be a current graduate or undergraduate student, preferably African-American and have at least one academic semester remaining after May 2009. Application materials, including sealed transcripts and letters of recommendation must be submitted in one package. Incomplete, emailed or faxed applications will not be considered for financial scholarships.

### **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

APPLICANT'S FULL LEGAL NAME

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PERMANENT MAILING ADDRESS

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CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS

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PRIMARY TELEPHONE NUMBER

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ALTERNATE TELEPHONE NUMBER

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WHAT SCHOLARSHIP(S) ARE YOU APPLYING FOR? CHECK ALL THAT APPLY.

- CDM SCHOLARSHIP
- CIGNA HEALTHCARE GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS
- CIGNA UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP
- CPS HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES
- JOHNNIE L. COCHRAN, JR. /MWH SCHOLARSHIP
- LAND-USE PLANNING SCHOLARSHIP
- MABEL G. YOUNG / GRANT CAPITAL MANAGEMENT SCHOLARSHIP
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NAME AND ADDRESS OF COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY YOU ARE CURRENTLY ATTENDING?

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WILL YOU BE RETURNING TO THE NAMED UNIVERSITY FALL 2009?

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SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OR STUDENT ID NUMBER

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CLASSIFICATION

CUMULATIVE GPA

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AREA OF STUDY

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MAJOR

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MINOR

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CONTACT AND MAILING ADDRESS FOR BURSAR / FINANCE OFFICE

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SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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