



NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN, INC.
VIRGINIA BEACH SECTION
SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Hello,

The National Council of Negro Women (NCNW) was founded in 1935 by Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune. NCNW is a national organization committed to helping women and families their communities and improve their quality of life. The Virginia Beach Section of NCNW are dedicated volunteers whose sole mission is to implement NCNW's goals in Virginia Beach. Our successful community service initiatives include conducting events to support the food bank, packing care packages for families during Thanksgiving, book and individual Scholarships to local college students, mentoring and providing activities for younger students in our Butterfly Group. We also make donations and provide support to other community establishments.

We are sponsoring our essay contest to give a scholarship to two college bound students enrolled in a Virginia Beach school. Enclosed is a copy of the complete application package. Feel free to make additional copies and distribute to students who meet the criteria. Please encourage all eligible seniors to apply for this scholarship. If you need additional information or have questions, please send an email to sonja.m.dickerson@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Sonja Dickerson, Scholarship Committee Chair



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The Virginia Beach section offers scholarships to African American students or students of African-descent that are High School Seniors who have excelled academically and plan to pursue a college degree during the 2020-2021 school year.

SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS

- Must be an African American or African-descent high school senior attending a public or private high school in Virginia Beach, Virginia.
- Students must submit an **official** High School Transcript.
- Must have a GPA of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
- Must be planning to apply to an accredited institution of postsecondary education for the 2020-2021 academic year.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PARTICIPANTS WILL BE SELECTED BASED ON THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA

- Completed scholarship application, postmarked by Friday, March 20, 2020 (Grammatically correct and legible).
- Minimal GPA of 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale).
- Completed High School Senior.
- Official High School Transcript.
- Essay of 300-350 words (doubled spaced, 12 pt. font TIFF).
- Photo (Please attach a recent photograph of yourself to this application).

Completed application must be e-mailed to sonja.m.dickerson@gmail.com or mailed to the Virginia Beach Section of NCNW, Post Office Box 64793, 1225 Kempsville Rd., Virginia Beach, VA 23464-9998, or uploaded to the Virginia beach Section of NCNW website at www.ncnw.org by March 20, 2020.



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PART I: PERSONAL DATA

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____ Age: _____

Email: _____

Name of Parents or Guardians: _____

Name of Virginia Beach High School: _____

Cumulative Grade Point Average: _____ **(Attach Official Transcript)**

Identify the university or college to which you have been accepted and/or plan to attend:

List other scholarships for which you have applied:



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PART II: REFERENCE LETTERS

Please attach two reference letters from non-family members with this application.

Briefly describe your educational plans and career goals:

Give evidence of school and community service by listing activities in which you have participated:

Give evidence of your leadership abilities. Please indicate positions you have held:

Please share with us your achievements during High School:



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PART III: PARENT PERMISSION AND CONFIRMATION

Name of Applicant: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Other: _____

Student E-mail: _____ Parent E-mail: _____

School: _____ Grade/Classification: _____

Parent/Guardian Names: _____

Must be postmarked or e-mailed to Virginia Beach Section of NCNW Scholar@gmail.com by March 20, 2020.

I hereby acknowledge that the information submitted in this application is true and that it is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Applications that are not fully completed will not be considered. You will be notified no later than April 20, 2020.



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PART III: ESSAY COMPETITION THEME

In 300-350 words, use the following context to stimulate your writing for the essay which may be written as a poem, spoken word, rap, or speech.

The Topic of your Essay is: The verse that inspires my future.

As one observes our world today, whether it be televised or on social media, school, or at home, we all have a message. What is your message of inspiration to share with the world? What song, artist, or activist inspires you with a message for change that would better us individually, promote our communities, and build our future in the right direction? If this essay were your peace and inspirational verse what would your words of inspiration sound like? (Please, give the resources you use.)

In your written words, eloquently elaborate on or discuss the artist, activist, civil rights leader of choice. What gets and keeps you moving or energizes you to attain your future goals? It can be a gospel, jazz or rap (clean), an abolitionist of our past, civil rights activist, leader of today, an educator or parent that motivates and moves you.

1. PURPOSE

- A. To provide an opportunity for individual High School Seniors to be recognized for individual accomplishment.
- B. To provide an opportunity for the Virginia Beach Section of NCNW, Inc., to support and help community youth to pursue their postsecondary educational goals.



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2. APPLICABILITY

These rules unless otherwise noted shall apply to all competitors who participate in the “The Verse To Inspire My Future” Essay Competition. These rules may not be supplanted or modified, and no exceptions.

3. ELIGIBILITY

The competitor must:

- A. Be a college-bound High School Senior attending an accredited High School and all paperwork must be in appropriate order.
- B. Maintain eligibility at all times of this competition. If at any time it is discovered that a competitor is ineligible to compete, the competitor will be disqualified.

Thank You & Best Wishes!