

COLUMBUS AREA CHAPTER OF BLACKS IN GOVERNMENT

Dear Applicant,

The Columbus Area Chapter of Blacks in Government (CACBIG) selects from the pool of applications received for the Homer and Ruth Williams Memorial Scholarship based on the applicant's academic achievements, and exemplary commitment to service. The number of scholarships available may vary and is noted on the application.

This is a competitive scholarship. Applicants are evaluated according to academic ability, leadership and personal attributes, goals and aspirations, extracurricular activities, and appreciation of service. A GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale is required. The required essay can account for up to half of your total score. Scholarship applicants are judged by a committee of higher educated professionals.

Applications are now available for graduating high school seniors in the Columbus Area and Vicinity High Schools.

The applicant must be an Ohio resident, U.S. citizen, and high school graduate for the 2020-2021 academic year and accepted for admission to an approved college or university, junior college, or technical college. A completed application must include all required documents submitted along with the completed and signed application.

To be eligible, the completed application must be received by **May 22, 2021**. Applications received after this deadline will not be considered. The one-time cash award(s) are for study beginning in the Fall of 2021.

For more information, visit <http://www.cacbig.org> under tab for "Youth Competition" or send an email to scholarship@cacbig.org to request application.

Sincerely,
Scholarship Committee
Columbus Area Chapter of Blacks In Government

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Scholarship Opportunity

Columbus Area Chapter of Blacks in Government (CACBIG) Homer and Ruth Williams Memorial Scholarship

Amount: \$500

Number of Scholarships 2021: Two (2)

Deadline: May 22, 2021

Competitive: Yes

Essay required: Yes

BACKGROUND:

Homer and Ruth earned their Master of Public Administration from Central Michigan University while maintaining job and a family. The Williams duo earned their undergraduate degrees from Jackson State University. Homer studied Math Education. Ruth studied Biology Education. The couple did this at a time when very few blacks were even completing high school, much less attaining advanced degrees.

Homer and Ruth are two of the original founders of Blacks in Government, a 501c3 non-profit organization. Each has served as President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary. They both participated as delegates at many National BIG delegates assemblies. Homer served as a member of the National BIG Board of Directors for Region V.

The Homer and Ruth Williams Memorial Scholarship purpose is to reward young, bright, African American students who have demonstrated exemplary commitment to service and education.

Eligibility Requirements and Criteria:

Scholarship will be awarded exclusively to graduating seniors of Columbus & Vicinity High Schools, and shall be distributed to institutions of higher learning selected by scholarship recipients.

To be eligible for this scholarship, the applicant must be an Ohio resident, U.S. citizen, and High School graduate accepted for admission to an approved college, university, junior college, or technical college.

Student must have a 3.0 GPA (on 4.0 scale for High School applicant).

Applicants are required to complete the application in full, and write a 500-word essay on the following criteria addressing:

- A) Demonstration of leadership and personal attributes.
- B) Applicant's goals and aspirations.
- C) Extracurricular activities, awards and recognition, special talents, and other noteworthy activities.
- D) Community Service.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION

A submitted application must include:

- A) Completed application.
- B) Letter from the high school counselor validating the student GPA.
- C) Recommendation from a teacher or coach.
- D) Recommendation from a peer.
- E) 500-word essay.
- F) Copies of acceptance letters.

NOTE: THE COLUMBUS AREA CHAPTER OF BLACKS IN GOVERNMENT (CACBIG) SELECTION BOARD WILL EVALUATE APPLICATIONS BASED ON THE ABOVE CRITERIA.

Applicants will submit their application package either 1) Electronically via email to **scholarship@cacbig.org** or by 2) Mail to **Columbus Area Chapter BIG, Attn: Scholarship Committee, POB 13645, Columbus, Ohio 43213.**



**2021 HOMER & RUTH WILLIAMS
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

STUDENT NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____
Street Address and Street Name

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

GENDER: _____

NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL: _____

EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: _____

CUMULATIVE GPA OUT OF 4.0: _____

NAMES OF COLLEGES YOU PLAN TO ATTEND:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

MAJOR COURSE OF STUDY: _____

SIGNATURE: _____