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Dear Applicant,

The Columbus Area Chapter of Blacks in Government (CACBIG) selects recipients 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 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 2023-2024 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 18, 2024. Applications received after this deadline will not be considered. The one-time cash award(s) are for study beginning in the Fall of 2024.**

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

Sincerely,  
Scholarship Committee  
Columbus Area Chapter of Blacks In Government

**"POWER OF THINKING BIG!"**

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# **Columbus Area Chapter of Blacks in Government (CACBIG)**

## **The Homer and Ruth Williams Memorial Scholarship**

Amount: \$500

Number: 1

Deadline: May 18, 2024

Competitive: Yes

Essay required: Yes

### **Description:**

Homer and Ruth Williams earned their Master of Public Administration from Central Michigan University while maintaining a job and a family. They earned their undergraduate degrees from Jackson State University. Homer studied Math Education. Ruth studied Biology Education. They 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 the Columbus Area Chapter of Blacks in Government, a non-profit organization. Each has served as President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary. They were also delegates at many national conferences. Homer served on the National Blacks In Government Board of Directors for a few years.

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 high school seniors of Columbus and vicinity high schools. Award will be directly distributed to institution of higher learning selected by scholarship recipient.

To be eligible for this scholarship, the applicant must be an Ohio resident, U.S. citizen, and high school graduating senior 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).

Applicant must include a written recommendation from a teacher and or coach.

Applicant must include a written recommendation from a peer.

Applicants are required to complete the application in full, and write a 500-word essay addressing the following criteria in items B, C, D, and E.

### **Criteria**

A) Submit a copy of transcript, showing grade point average and courses

B) Demonstrate leadership and personal attributes

C) Applicant's goals and aspirations

D) Extracurricular activities, awards and recognition, special talents, and other noteworthy activities

E) Community Service

F) Recommendation from a teacher and/or coach

G) Recommendation from a peer

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

# 2024 Homer and Ruth Williams Memorial Scholarship Application

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Scholarship Submission**

ATTACH APPLICATION

ATTACH 500 WORD ESSAY

ATTACH PROOF OF GPA

ATTACH TEACHER/COACH RECOMMENDATION

ATTACH PEER RECOMMENDATION

ATTACH COPIES OF HIGHER EDUCATION ACCEPTANCE LETTERS

ATTACH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (optional) - Please include any other information that you wish to have the selection committee consider.

Completed scholarship package is to be emailed using **2024 CACBIG SCHOLARSHIP** as the subject line of email and sent using email address [scholarship@cacbig.org](mailto:scholarship@cacbig.org)

Any questions can be directed to [scholarship@cacbig.org](mailto:scholarship@cacbig.org).