



The Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) Spouses Scholarship Programs

Application

The Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) Spouses organization is a component of the (CBC) Foundation Inc., a nonpartisan, nonprofit, public policy, research and educational institute. As envisioned by its founders, the CBC Spouses mission is to assist the leaders of today, while helping to prepare a new generation of leaders for the future.

Consistent with its mission to provide educational opportunities to a new generation of leaders, the CBC Spouses join the CBC Foundation in demonstrating its commitment to sponsoring a number of educational programs. These programs include the CBC Spouses Education Scholarship Fund, the CBC Spouses Cheerios Brand Health Initiative Scholarship, the CBCF Fellows Program and the CBCF Internship Program.

The CBC Spouses have also entered a partnership with Heineken USA to launch the CBC Spouses Performing Arts Scholarship. This scholarship is available to students who are pursuing a career in the performing arts, music and/or some related field in the entertainment industry.

And, in 2003, the CBC Spouses entered a partnership with GlaxoSmithKline, one of the world's leading research-based pharmaceutical and health care companies to launch the CBC Spouses GlaxoSmithKline Medical Science and Research Scholarship. Developed in honor of the outstanding contributions of Mr. Vivien Thomas to medicine, this scholarship is available to students who are pursuing a degree in the medical sciences.

The CBC Spouses Education Scholarship Fund was established in 1988 in response to federal cuts in spending for education programs and scholarships. This program provides tuition assistance to enable students to fulfill their higher education goals. In September 1998, the CBC Spouses expanded the scholarship program to include a special health initiative program sponsored by General Mills, Inc. The CBC Spouses Cheerios Brand Health Initiative Scholarship Program awards grants to students pursuing a career in the health, food services and/or other health-related field.

The CBC Spouses Education and Cheerios Brand Health Initiative Scholarships are awarded in districts represented by Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) Members. A Local Scholarship Selection Committee appointed by the CBC Member and/or Spouse administer these programs at the local level. The Local Scholarship Selection Committee reviews all completed applications and selects candidates for education and/or health scholarships. All candidates must be full-time students in good academic standing at an accredited college or university. Upon approval and certification by the Local Scholarship Selection Committee, each recipient will receive a monetary award.

Recipients of the CBC Spouses Performing Arts Scholarship must also be full-time students in good academic standing at an accredited college or university. Completed applications, with a video recording of the student's performance, must be submitted to the Local Scholarship Selection Committee. The Local Scholarship Selection Committee will select one student who demonstrates exceptional potential and forward his/her materials to the CBC Spouses Performing Arts National Selection Committee for final review. Only the top candidates will be awarded the CBC Spouses Performing Arts Scholarship. Recipients will be announced in June each year.

Recipients of the CBC Spouses GlaxoSmithKline Medical Science and Research Scholarship must also be full-time students in good academic standing at an accredited college or university. Completed applications must be submitted to the Local Scholarship Committee for review. The Local Scholarship Selection Committee will select students who demonstrate exceptional potential and forward their materials to the CBC Spouses GlaxoSmithKline Medical Science and Research National Selection Committee for final review. Selected recipients will be announced in June each year.

APPLICATION

THE CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS (CBC) SPOUSES SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS ARE AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROVIDER, WHICH CONSIDERS ALL APPLICANTS SOLELY ON THE BASIS OF QUALIFICATIONS AND ABILITY WITHOUT REGARD TO RACE, RELIGION, COLOR, SEX, AGE, NATIONAL ORIGIN, DISABILITY OR VETERAN STATUS.

Scholarship Eligibility

Graduating high school seniors planning to attend an accredited institution of higher learning, or a full-time undergraduate, graduate or doctoral student with a minimum 2.5/4.0 GPA is eligible to apply for scholarships. All applicants must reside or attend school in a congressional district represented by a Congressional Black Caucus Member. Applicants must also provide a completed financial statement.

Employees and/or relatives of CBC Members, CBC Spouses, the CBC Foundation, the Board of Directors, the Corporate Advisory Council, General Mills Inc., Heineken USA, and/or GlaxoSmithKline are ineligible for the scholarship program. Applicants applying for the CBC Spouses Performing Arts Scholarship should be twenty-one years of age.

How to Apply

All applicants must:

- Complete the CBC Spouses Scholarship application.
- Submit an official high school or college transcript with the application.
- Write a personal statement (500 words or more) describing your interests and involvement in school activities, community and public service, hobbies, special talents, sports, etc. The personal statement must also speak to your future academic and professional career plans.
- Submit two letters of recommendation.
- Submit a recent photograph.
- Forward the application and supporting materials to the Local Scholarship Selection Committee.
- Provide a videotape of your performance for consideration for the CBC Spouses Performing Arts Scholarship.

Application Deadlines

ALL PROSPECTIVE APPLICATIONS FOR THE EDUCATION, HEALTH, PERFORMING ARTS AND MEDICAL SCIENCE AND RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MAY 1ST OF EACH YEAR.

PLEASE PRINT AND COMPLETE FORM IN DETAIL. PLEASE BE SPECIFIC AND FILL IN ALL APPROPRIATE BLANKS. ALL INFORMATION GIVEN WILL BE HELD IN STRICT CONFIDENCE.

PART A: PERSONAL DATA

Full Name: _____

Permanent Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Emergency Number: _____

Present Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Date of Birth: (Month/Day/Year): _____ Place of Birth: _____

Social Security Number: _____

Father's Name: _____ Occupation: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Occupation: _____

Male _____ Female _____ Age: _____

Scholarship program you are applying to:

Education Scholarship

Health Initiative Scholarship

Performing Arts Scholarship

Medical Science & Research Scholarship

Part B: EDUCATION

1. List the schools you have attended

High School: _____

Address: _____ Graduation Date: _____

College: _____

Address: _____ Graduation Date: _____

College: _____

Address: _____ Graduation Date: _____

Official Classification (Please Circle One):

Freshman

Sophomore

Junior

Senior

Graduate Student

Doctoral Candidate

2. List the school you will attend. Scholarship recipients must gain admission to an accredited college or university.

School: _____ Location: _____

Applicants must submit a copy of an acceptance letter or official transcript from the college or university they currently or plan to attend.

3. List your major and minor fields of study.

Major: _____ Minor: _____

4. Additional Courses or Graduate Studies

5. Extracurricular Activities and Honors (Ex. Varsity Sports, Fraternities, Community Organizations)

HIGH SCHOOL

COLLEGE

Part C: WORK EXPERIENCE/SUMMER INTERNSHIP

(START WITH YOUR CURRENT POSITION AND WORK BACK)

Company/Organization Name: _____ Dates Employed: _____

Job Description: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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INDICATE MEMBERSHIP, DEGREES OF PARTICIPATION, AND OFFICES HELD WHILE IN OR SINCE LEAVING SCHOOL IN CIVIC, PROFESSIONAL, SOCIAL, ATHLETIC OR OTHER ORGANIZATION OR ACTIVITIES

CURRENT HOBBIES AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

IN WHAT ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME INVOLVED IN? WHY?

DESCRIBE SPECIAL TRAINING YOU MAY HAVE RECEIVED THAT WOULD ASSIST YOU IN THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM YOU ARE APPLYING TO FOR ASSISTANCE.

ARE THERE ANY OTHER EXPERIENCES, SKILLS OR QUALIFICATIONS THAT YOU FEEL SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WITH YOUR APPLICATION TO THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM?

BUSINESS/PERSONAL REFERENCES

1. Name: _____ Occupation: _____

Address: _____ Telephone: _____

2. Name: _____ Occupation: _____

Address: _____ Telephone: _____

3. Name: _____ Occupation: _____

Address: _____ Telephone: _____

Part D: Cheerios Brand Health Initiative (Applicants Only)

Would you be interested in participating in an internship or volunteer program with General Mills during the summer months?

Yes No

Date of Summer Break: _____ to _____

List your area of interest (i.e. nutrition, engineering, etc.): _____

Part E: Performing Arts Scholarship (Applicants Only)

Describe your area of study in the Cultural and/or Performing Arts.

Part F: Medical Science & Research Scholarship (Applicants Only)

Describe your area of study in Medical Science and/or Research.

Part G: Personal Budget for Academic Year

Grants Awarded	\$
Loans Awarded	\$
Scholarships	\$
Parent's Contribution	\$
Other Income Sources	\$
Total Available Funds	\$

Anticipated Expenses

Tuition	\$
Fees	\$
Room and Board	\$
Books and Supplies	\$
Other Expenses	\$
Total Expenses	\$

PART H: CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that all information in this application is true and accurate.

Applicant's Name (Print) Signature Date

Parent/Guardian's Name (Print) Signature Date