



Regina C. Williams

MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

"Reach for the stars because the bottom is overcrowded!"
— Regina C. Williams

APPLICATION & INFORMATION

OUR HISTORY

The Regina C. Williams Memorial Scholarship Foundation honors the name and legacy of an African American woman of incredible spirit, character, and determination. Throughout her life, she used her God-given talents to impact the lives of many people — near and far. Spending nearly thirty years as a public servant in the Prince George's County Public Schools System, she served first as a teacher, then as a Vice-Principal and lastly as a Principal. Regina took honor in providing top-quality education to our next generation.

The Regina C. Williams Memorial Scholarship Fund was founded in 2007, just a few months after her tragic death. Her daughters Rotoya and Rene'ya Williams established the fund to honor and continue their mother's great legacy. The foundation is designed to provide financial assistance to college-bound students within the Prince George's County Community. In 2007, the Regina C. Williams Memorial Scholarship Fund scholarship committee awarded several \$1,000 scholarships to Prince George's County High School Seniors. In August of 2008, the foundation held its first 5K Walk-A-Thon at the Bladensburg Waterfront Park in Bladensburg, Maryland.

OUR MISSION

The mission of the foundation is to promote excellence in education by empowering the next generation to achieve their highest dreams and aspirations. The Regina C. Williams Memorial Scholarship Foundation strives to achieve its mission by providing scholarships, sponsorships, and leadership development programs. The Foundation seeks

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to provide funds and scholarships annually to Prince George's County School college-bound students who clearly articulate their vision and purpose, not only for themselves, but their family and their community. The Regina C. Williams Memorial Scholarship Foundation also offers a "Uniform Sponsorship Program." This program will also assist Prince George's County elementary and middle school families with school uniform purchases.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Educational Leaders Scholarship

The Educational Leaders Scholarship seeks to identify Prince George's County high school seniors who have been accepted into a collegiate institution and will pursue a bachelor's degree in Education. The applicant must attend a Prince George's County School, be a Prince George's County Resident, be a US Citizen or hold a permanent resident visa card. **Current college students are not eligible to apply.**

General Education Scholarship

The General Education Scholarship is not limited to any specific field or career objective and may be used to pursue a bachelor's degree in any academic discipline. Applicants must excel academically, exhibit exceptional leadership potential, participate in community service activities and demonstrate financial need. The applicant must attend a Prince George's County School, be a Prince George's County Resident, be a US Citizen or hold a permanent resident visa card. **Current college students are not eligible to apply.**

APPLICATION DEADLINE

The Regina C. Williams Scholarship Foundation has one deadline for applications (students must be current high school seniors at the time of their application):

April 30th - final postmarked deadline in order to be considered for the Educational Leaders and General Education Scholarships.

Application materials must be mailed in one packet. Transcripts and letters of recommendation should not be sent under separate cover. Incomplete, e-mailed or faxed applications will not be considered.

Due to the volume of applications received, only semi-finalists and finalists will be notified of their status.

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ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

All eligible applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. Regina C. Williams Memorial Scholarship recipients will be selected annually by the Regina C. Williams Memorial Scholarship Foundation scholarship committee, after review of all application documents. Academic references, academic standing, commitment to the academic program, and other specified criteria will be considered.
2. Awards will be made to Prince George's County high school seniors who have been accepted into a collegiate institution and will pursue a bachelor's degree in Education and other Choices of Study. Applicants enrolled full-time in baccalaureate programs in the next fall term are the primary candidates for the awards.
3. Applicant must be a full-time college/university freshman in the upcoming academic year.
4. Students must submit an application and all required information by the deadline.
5. Completed application form with all supporting documentation must be postmarked by April 30th, and received within one week. No late applications or parts of the application packet will be accepted.
6. The award is intended to be used during the traditional academic year (fall through spring), and for academic purposes such as tuition, fees, room, board, and/or books.
7. The Selection Committee reserves the right to determine if an award will be given in a selected year.
8. Scholarship funds are payable to educational institution(s) and forwarded to recipient(s) account. Exceptions to this policy can be made by decision of the Scholarship Committee based upon individual circumstances.
9. Relatives of the current Regina C. Williams Memorial Scholarship Foundations' Selection Committee are ineligible.
10. Scholarship recipient selection(s) will be made without regard to race, age, gender, religion, political beliefs, employment status, or any other factor, which could constitute unfair or illegal discrimination.
11. Student must be a U.S. or Canadian citizen and must attend college in the U.S. during the duration of the scholarship year.
12. Student must be currently enrolled in Prince George's County Schools with an expected graduation date of May of the current year.
13. Student must be a Prince Georges' County Resident (Proof of PG residence must be submitted)

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14. Student must be in good standing, have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative overall grade point average at his/her high school when application is submitted.
15. Student must submit a transcript from high school or other institutions of higher education. Transcripts must indicate cumulative grade point average.
16. Student must submit three brief letters of recommendation from:
 - High School Faculty or Recent Employer
 - An adult of choice (non-relative).
17. Decisions of the Scholarship Committee are final in all matters related to the above practices.
18. The Award amount will be determined by the amount of qualified candidates and available funds.
19. Should any of the chosen recipients of the scholarship fail to attend a college or university the following fall term, then the applicant who was judged as an alternate will receive the award.
20. Award recipients must provide confirmation of college or university enrollment and will be requested prior to funding the award.
21. The Regina C. Williams Scholarship Committee further reserves the right to change these guidelines annually.

SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS

Regina C. Williams Scholarships may be used to supplement benefits from the college or university a student plans to attend. Scholars may use the scholarship to cover the costs of tuition, fees, books, room and board, computers, health insurance, and other college-related expenses.

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REGINA C. WILLIAMS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

(This application may be photocopied)

Return to: 1441 McCormick Drive, Suite 208, Largo, MD 20774

I am submitting my application by April 30th (postmarked) of my senior year in high school in order to be considered for the Regina C. Williams Memorial Scholarship.

CHECK ONE:

I am applying for the Educational Leaders Scholarship

I am applying for the General Education Scholarship

Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents and current high school seniors at the time of their application. College students are not eligible to apply. Application materials must be submitted in one packet. Transcripts and letters of recommendation should not be sent under separate cover. SAT/ACT scores must be included on the application at the time it is mailed.

Incomplete, e-mailed or faxed applications will not be considered.

Personal DATA (Type or print in black or blue ink only.)

Social Security Number: _____ - _____ - _____ Are you a U.S. Citizen? Yes No

If non-U.S. Citizen, please provide your U.S. Permanent Resident Card Number: _____

Full Legal Name: _____
Last First Middle Date of Birth Male/Female

Permanent Address: _____

City State Zip

Telephone # Cell # Email Address

High School Name Street

City State Zip

List below your scores and dates you have taken or will take the following (you may submit SAT or ACT):

SAT

Date V/CR Math Writing Date V/CR Math Writing

ACT

AP /IB Tests (optional)

Composite Score/Writing Score/Date Composite Score/Writing Score/Date Subject/Score Subject/Score

SAT Subject Tests (Optional)

Writing Score/Date Math Score/Date Other Score/Date

TO BE COMPLETED BY SCHOOL GUIDANCE COUNSELOR OR ACADEMIC ADVISOR

Name _____ Title _____

School _____ State _____ Telephone _____ FAX _____

1. Applicant's Name _____ Cum. GPA _____

2. Class Rank _____ Class Size _____

If rank is not available, please approximate the student's position to the nearest tenth from the top and/or provide a grade distribution for the class _____.

3. Do you weight the grades or exclude certain courses to determine rank and/or GPA? _____

If yes, please provide us with a key to this information if it is not already available on the transcript.

4. Of this candidate's graduating class, approximately _____ percent will attend a four-year college.

5. Please submit an official transcript with most current semester courseload and school profile with application materials. All application materials must be submitted in one packet. **Faxed or emailed applications will not be accepted.**

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APPLICANT: Please respond to the following questions. Attach your typed responses to this form.

1. Please list your extracurricular, community, employment or other activities in order of their importance to you. Indicate the dates you participated in the activity, positions held and the number of hours per week you spend on each activity. We realize that the way you spend your time outside the classroom may be affected by factors beyond your control, such as the need to work.
2. List any significant awards or honors you have received during high school for academic or extracurricular achievements.
3. Essays: You must respond to both essays for your scholarship selection. Each essay should be no longer than 500 words.

EDUCATION LEADERS SCHOLARSHIP

- A. What is the "Value of Education?"
- B. What was the most difficult time in your life? How did you overcome this difficulty?

GENERAL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

- A. What are the reasons for your interests? Analyze your childhood. How were your interests shaped from your upbringing? What was the most difficult time in your life? How did you overcome this difficulty?
 - B. Submit one essay that you plan to send or have sent as part of a college application. This may be on any topic. If your college application did not require an essay, please submit an essay on the topic of your choice.
3. Please ask two individuals who know you well to submit letters of recommendation. At least one letter should be from a teacher or other school professional.
 4. Please submit an official transcript with most current semester course load and school profile with application materials. A school profile is an information sheet about your high school. This profile would include information on the school location, student enrollment and/or types of courses offered. If the school does not offer a school profile the applicant will not be penalized if it is not included with the application materials.

Application materials must be mailed in one packet. Transcripts and letters of recommendation should not be sent under separate cover. To verify receipt of your application, include a self-addressed stamped envelope. A photograph is optional. Incomplete, e-mailed or faxed applications will not be considered. We suggest that you keep copies of your application materials. Semi-finalists will be contacted in June and winners will be announced on our web site at the end of July. We regret that we are unable to individually notify other applicants of the decision on their applications.

TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENT OR GUARDIAN

Father/Male Guardian

Name _____

Relationship _____

Occupation _____

Adjusted Gross Income (previous year IRS 1040) _____

Estimated Adjusted Gross Income (current year) _____

Exemptions Claimed _____

Mother/Female Guardian

Name _____

Relationship _____

Occupation _____

Adjusted Gross Income (previous year IRS 1040) _____

Estimated Adjusted Gross Income (current year) _____

Exemptions Claimed _____

Parents marital status: Single Married Separated Divorced Widowed

If parents are not married, please indicate with whom you reside: _____

Ages of Applicant's Siblings _____ # of Children Attending College next year _____

We certify that the information provided is true and complete to the best of our knowledge. We realize that if documentation is not provided, the applicant may be deemed ineligible for this scholarship.

Applicant's Signature/Date _____

Parent or Guardian's Signature/Date _____