



Mid Hudson Valley Council
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2023 Mid-Hudson Valley Council of the National Pan Hellenic Council, Inc. Scholarship

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Eligibility

- African American or Caribbean male or female
- Graduating high school senior
- Attend Mid-Hudson Valley (Orange County, Dutchess County, Ulster County) • attend an accredited two-year or four-year college, university, or technical/trade school in the upcoming
- 1. The recipient will receive:
 - semester (Fall)
 - C+ (75) or better cumulative GPA

Application Overview

- Completed application
- Recent photograph
- Official high school transcript
- Brief Personal Statement
- Essay (500-1000 words)
- One letter of recommendation from a school principal, teacher, school counselor, employer, coach, etc. (official letterhead required)

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: May 5, 2023

Award notification and receipt

- *Initial Notification* directly from the MHV National Pan-Hellenic Council
- *Public Acknowledgement* of scholarship at their high school's Awards Ceremony.

- Proof of enrollment in an accredited 2 or 4-year institution (acceptable form of proof is letter of enrollment from

the Bursar or Student Accounts Office)

3. Scholarship monies will be mailed TO THE HOME ADDRESS LISTED ON THE RECIPIENT'S APPLICATION.

Purpose

The Mid-Hudson Valley Council of the NPHC Scholarship(s) is awarded to exceptionally worthy, articulate, secondary school senior(s) for their undergraduate college education.

Provider Organization

Mid - Hudson Valley Council of the National Pan Hellenic Council, Inc.

Background

The Nation Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) is a collaborative organization of nine historically African American, international Greek lettered fraternities and sororities. The nine NPHC organizations are sometimes collectively referred to as the "Divine Nine." The member/partner organizations have not formally adopted nor recommended the use of this term to describe their collaborative grouping. The NPHC was formed as a permanent organization on May 10, 1930 on the campus of Howard University, in Washington, D.C. with Matthew W. Bullock as the active Chairman and B. Beatrix Scott as Vice-Chairman. NPHC was incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois in 1937.

The council promotes interaction through forums, meetings and other mediums for the exchange of information and engages in cooperative programming and initiatives through various activities and functions.

Each constituent member organization determines its own strategic direction and program agenda. Today, the primary purpose and focus of member organizations remains camaraderie and academic excellence for its members and service to the communities they serve. Each organization promotes community awareness and action through educational, economic, and cultural service activities.

The National Pan-Hellenic Council was established in an age when racial segregation and disenfranchisement plagued African Americans, the rise of each of the black fraternities and sororities that make up the NPHC bore witness to the fact that despite hardships, African Americans refused to accede to a status of inferiority.



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APPLICATION (Please type or write clearly.)

Theme: The Importance of Education

I understand the Mid-Hudson Valley Council of the NPHC has a Scholarship Fund. Income from this Fund is made available in the form of monies to a 2-year or 4-year college/university for the direct benefit of a specified individual student selected by the Scholarship Committee of the Mid-Hudson Valley Council of the NPHC.

Please note: All monies will be received upon the receipt of the scholarship recipient's college schedule/invoice.

Name: _____ High School: _____
 Home Address: _____ GPA: _____ Graduation Date: _____
 City, State, Zip: _____ Guidance Counselor's Name: _____
 Date of Birth: _____ College/University in the Fall: _____
 Email Address: _____ Major Area of Academic Interest: _____
 Cell: _____

1. I learned about the Mid-Hudson Valley Council of the National Pan Hellenic Council Scholarship from:

2. I have attached to the upper right corner of my application a recent photograph of myself that need not be returned.
3. I have attached all required items to this application in the sequence indicated below. If a required item is not included, my application will be disqualified.
 - (a.) A school transcript and/or letter from my Guidance Counselor verifying my GPA and graduation date.
 - (b.) In 300 words or less, a description who I am and of my aims, hopes, and goals. The essay must be a typed or computer copy.
 - (c.) One letter of recommendation from a school principal, teacher, advisor, employer, coach, etc. on official letterhead.

4. **Essay Question:** Please select 1 of the 3 topics listed below and answer the attached question. This essay should be no **more** 1000 words, and no **less** than 500 words.

Community:

- I. In this postmodern Society, do you believe that race is still an issue? How will your acquisition of a collegiate degree impact race relations?

Personal:

- II. What life experiences have shaped who you are today and what challenges have you overcome in achieving your education (i.e. financial, personal, medical, coronavirus/pandemic etc.)?

Current Events:

- III. Describe the solutions you would propose to improve or resolve a current issue, such as health care, the economy, discrimination, or a current topic of your choice.

5. **Interview via Zoom:** Student will be assigned an interview date and time with the Scholarship Committee.

The essay must be a typed or computer copy.

I am submitting this application electronically no later than **May 5, 2023**. I authorize Mid-Hudson Valley Council of the NPHC to consult with any schools I attended or will attend and to examine my records.

Date

Signature of Applicant

Electronic Submissions are accepted!

Please be aware, you may scan and email scholarship application materials directly to the Education Chairperson: Rita Watt => rmsjcd777@gmail.com