



THE WHITE HOUSE INITIATIVE ON HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES



2019 HBCU Competitiveness Scholar Nomination Form

The White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities (Initiative) works to promote HBCU excellence and innovation. This year, the Initiative will recognize undergraduate, graduate, and professional students for their competitiveness (i.e., successfully preparing to compete for top opportunities and improving standards of living in their communities).

Nominate your HBCU Competitiveness Scholar today!

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Authority - This information is being collected under the authority of Presidential Executive Order 13779, Promoting Excellence and Innovation at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (February 28, 2017).

Purpose - The primary purpose of the information collected is to administer the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities' (Initiative) Competitiveness Scholars Program. The information is reviewed and then used to determine the eligibility of candidates, make a tentative selection, verify application information, process applications, and to inform the general public of the individuals who receive the recognition.

Disclosures - The information you provide will ordinarily not be disclosed outside of the Department, except to inform the general public of the individuals who receive recognition pursuant to the disclosures identified in the PIA titled, "Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Competitiveness Scholars."

Participation - Providing the personal information requested is voluntary; however, failure to provide this information may result in ineligibility for participation in the program or delays or errors in the processing of the application you have completed. It may eventually prevent us from offering you recognition by the Initiative. For additional information about our information practices regarding this system, please see our Privacy Impact Analysis: <https://www2.ed.gov/notices/pia/pia-oushbcu-competitivescholars.pdf>

PROGRAM DETAILS

Scholars will be recognized by the Initiative for one academic school year. During the course of that year, Initiative staff will provide Scholars' with outreach and engagement opportunities.

Scholars are encouraged to build relationships within their institutions, with regional and community-based organizations, as well as, government and private sector entities. Selected Scholars will learn and share proven and promising stakeholder engagement practices that support new opportunities for all young people.

Additionally, Scholars will have opportunities to participate in regional events and web chats that support a wide range of topics, including, but not limited to, the spirit of engagement and entrepreneurship, broad-based innovation and career development. All Scholars will be invited to attend and participate in the Annual National HBCU Week Conference in Washington, D.C.

ELIGIBILITY AND RULES

1. The nominee must work with their institution's leadership to complete and submit the nomination package by the established deadline. The nomination package includes: signed nomination form, unofficial transcript, student interest essay, resume and signed institutional endorsement commitment letter.
2. The nominee must be a **current** undergraduate, graduate or professional HBCU student in good standing at an accredited institution and must be enrolled for the 2019-2020 academic school year. [View HBCU Listing by State](#)
3. Complete nomination packages will be reviewed and approved by the HBCU President or Chancellor and submitted to Initiative for final processing. Only **complete nomination packages** will be accepted.
4. Please name your file: **HBCU Competitiveness Scholar (Student Name: first, last) / HBCU Name)** Submissions provided past the due date or in the incorrect format will **not** be accepted.

You may insert required documents into the fields below or you may scan required documents. There should be only 1 attachment to your submission email, ALL components of the nomination must be sent in **ONE PDF**.

***All application materials must be submitted electronically as one PDF document to hbcuscholars@ed.gov by April 30, 2019**

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STUDENT INFORMATION

Legal Name (Last)*		Legal Name (First, Middle Initial)*	
Gender: Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>		Hometown (City, State):	
What HBCU do you attend?		Graduation Date:	
Major*(No Abbreviations):		Grade Point Average (GPA):	
Status(Junior, Sophomore, Senior, Graduate or Doctoral)			
Academic and Career Interest:			
City*:	State*:	Zip*:	
Phone:		Primary E-mail*:	
Primary Mailing Address*:			

* REQUIRED

HBCU PRESIDENT/CHANCELLOR INFORMATION

Legal Name (Last)*		Legal Name (First)*	
College or University Name*:			
Title *:			
School Mailing Address*:			
City*:	State*:	Zip*:	
Phone:		Primary E-mail*:	

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Part A: UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT

Required with this application is a copy of your nominees' unofficial transcript.

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Part B: ENDORSEMENT COMMITMENT LETTER

(To be completed by HBCU President or Chancellor)

President or Chancellor must provide a signed written nomination attesting to the nominee's current performance, potential for a leadership and institutional endorsement commitment.

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Part C: STUDENT INTEREST ESSAY

(To be completed by the Nominee)

In 500 words or less, the nominee must briefly describe their

- Academic achievements;
- Demonstrated civic and/or campus engagement;
- Proven entrepreneurial ethos, i.e., "go-getter spirit";
- Personal and career aspirations/needs;
- Institutions' and communities' aspirations, needs; and
- Ideas on how the Initiative and this recognition will support those aspirations and needs.

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Part D: RESUME

Please attach resume. This document must be no longer than 2 pages.

Part E: SIGNATURES

HBCU Competitiveness Scholar Nominee:

Signature: _____

Date: _____

HBCU President or Chancellor:

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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