Blacks In Government
United States Agency for International Development Chapter
BOOK SCHOLARSHIP
2012 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Blacks In Government® (BIG) was established in 1975 and incorporated in 1976 by a small group of African Americans at the Public Health Services which is a part of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare in the Parklawn building in Rockville, Maryland. The organization was viewed as essential to the Black civil service employee, based on a wide assortment of racially motivated problems faced by the HEW Black employees in Rockville. Initially, it was thought that the umbrella organization would address only the problems at the Federal level. However, it was soon determined that State, County, and Municipal Black employees were faced with the same general type of employment problems. Nonetheless, Blacks In Government was organized in 1975 and incorporated as a non-profit organization under the District of Columbia jurisdiction in 1976. BIG has been a national response to the need for African Americans in public service to organize around issues of mutual concern and use their collective strength to confront workplace and community issues. BIG's goals are to promote EQUITY in all aspects of American life, EXCELLENCE in public service, and OPPORTUNITY for all Americans.

The BIG-USAID Book Scholarship will be awarded annually to young students who are planning to attend an accredited college or university. Awardees will receive awards up to $500 toward books.

To qualify for this scholarship, an applicant must be (a) an entering freshman pursuing an undergraduate degree at an accredited college or university or (b) a college student in good standing and must submit a resume and a 350 word essay on “What would you do to make a positive long term impact on the African American community?”

See attached Scholarship application. If you have questions or for more information please contact Melvin Porter, Scholarship Committee Chair by email at mporter@USAID.gov with Subject Line "Scholarship".

The deadline for receipt of applications is January 16, 2012.
NAME_________________________________________________DOB___________________

HIGH SCHOOL____________________________________________________________________

CUMULATIVE GPA_____________________

ADDRESS__________________________________________________________
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PHONE_____________________________

EMAIL (REQUIRED)___________________________________________

PARENT/GUARDIAN___________________________PHONE______________________

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PROSPECTIVE COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY______________________________________________

PROSPECTIVE MAJOR_________________________________________________________________
SCHOOL/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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Criteria for Selection:

♦ High School Graduate with a minimum 3.0 Cumulative GPA and commitment to enter college in the Winter 2012 or Fall 2012
♦ College Student in good standing with a minimum 3.0 GPA
♦ Active in School/Community

Application Procedures:

♦ Submit completed application.

♦ Submit a copy of the last report Card from High School or College Transcript showing the cumulative GPA and permanent address.

♦ Submit a resume that shows all activities and jobs held. Resume should also include any current community service work that has been done in the last four years.

♦ Submit 350-word essay. The essay must be double-spaced typed and in 10 or 12 point font. Topic: What would you do to make a positive long term impact on the African American community?

♦ Mail all application materials to:

   USAID-Blacks in Government Chapter
   Attn: Melvin Porter
   Ben Franklin Station
   P.O. Box 14238
   Washington, DC 20044-4328
Application Deadline:

ALL MATERIALS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY JANUARY 16, 2012. ALL INFORMATION SUBMITTED WILL BE CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL AND WILL BECOME THE PROPERTY OF BIG-USAID CHAPTER. ANY LATE, INCOMPLETE, AND/OR MISSING INFORMATION WILL BE CAUSE FOR ELIMINATION. SELECTED APPLICANTS WILL BE NOTIFIED OF AWARD BY JANUARY 29, 2012 BY EMAIL.

Two Book Scholarships of $500 Each