

**BLACKS IN GOVERNMENT
PORT OF SEATTLE CHAPTER
SCHOLARSHIP**



Purpose

Blacks in Government will be awarding two deserving students with Scholarship Awards valued at \$1,000 each. Students will be judged by their Academic Achievements (Evelyn Findley Outstanding Academic Achievement Award) and Community Service (Lilyian Casswell-Isley Outstanding Community Service Award). All applicants must provide evidence of being enrolled in college in the fall 2020.

History

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. The Goals and Objectives of BIG are:

- To be an advocate of equal opportunity for Blacks in government.
- To eliminate practices of racism and racial discrimination against Blacks in government.
- To promote professionalism among Blacks in government.
- To develop and promote programs which will enhance ethnic pride and educational opportunities for Blacks in government.
- To establish a mechanism for the gathering and dissemination of information to Blacks in government.
- To provide a nonpartisan platform on major issues of local, regional, and national significance that affect Blacks in government.

BIG is dedicated to promoting personal and professional growth. Additionally, we are eager to lend support to the next generation of leaders and with national mentoring programs and partnerships designed to ensure the success of our children and youth.

The Port of Seattle Chapter of Blacks In Government was chartered in 1993 with 10 members. Currently we have 90 members and growing. We are the largest chapter in Region X (Washington, Alaska, Oregon and Idaho). In addition to our two \$1,000 scholarships we award annually, our chapter donates money, school supplies, clothes, food and toys to a number of non-profit organizations in the King County region including a long-standing partnership with **Community in Schools**. **Community in Schools** helps needy school children and families in the greater King County area. Each year our chapter celebrates Black History Month and Juneteenth where we recognize the history and contributions of African Americans have made to the founding and building of the United States of America. We are proud of all the accomplishments that this chapter and its members has achieved over the years of our existence.

This year due to the Covid-19 pandemic crisis we have revised our plans for awarding our scholarships during the Juneteenth celebration. We are planning on awarding our scholarship during an on-line celebration that we are planning to occur in mid-August 2020. Please be on the alert for further details about this celebration.

Applicants for the Scholarship must:

- Reside in one of the following counties: King, Snohomish, Kitsap, Pierce, Whatcom, or Skagit
- Be a graduating high school student
- Complete the application process
- Have demonstrate involvement in community service
- Have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale
- Have demonstrated outstanding leadership skills and superb academic achievement

REQUIREMENTS

The following items must be included with each completed application:

- A completed **Scholarship Application**.
- A **school transcript(s)**, indicating current GPA, courses taken and grades received.
- **Two letters of reference (Non-Relative)**, one from an organization where the applicant is involved in community service and one from a School Administrator.
- A one-page minimum **personal statement** on your family background, career aspiration, community involvement, why pursuing a higher education is important to you and any reasons why you think you should be selected to receive the Blacks in Government, Port of Seattle Chapter Essay Scholarship.

Please Note: Before funds are dispersed, recipient(s) must be officially enrolled at a university or college and attending classes. Each recipient will be required to provide proof of enrollment from their respective colleges.

STUDENT PROFILE

Name _____

Last First Initial

SS# _____ (Last four of SSN Only)

Ethnicity (Optional) _____

Date of Birth: _____ Sex: _____ M _____ F

Permanent Address:

Number / Street/ Apt. # _____

City _____

State _____

Zip Code _____

Current Address:

Number / Street/ Apt. # _____

City _____

State _____

Zip Code _____

Telephone _____

E-Mail Address _____

Parent/Guardian Information:

Name _____

Last First Initial

Telephone _____

How are you, your family member or sponsor affiliated with BIG?

ACADEMIC PROFILE

High School: _____

SAT scores: _____

ACT scores: _____

Major: _____

Classification _____

GPA _____

Expected Graduation Date: _____

List in chronological order all high schools attended.

Institution	Location	Year(s) Attended
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

List honors and other distinctions received.

_____	_____
_____	_____

List all extracurricular activities (church, school, community) that you have been involved in.

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Personal Statement

Please attach a personal statement (no more than two type written pages) about yourself and your career goals. Please include in your statement why pursuing a higher education is important to you. Please include as much information on your personal background as possible. We are very interested to learn about some of the challenges you have faced that have allowed you to reach this stage in your life.

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

All applications must be received by **July 31, 2020**. Applications can be sent via email or hardcopy mail.

Email (w/signed attachments) can be sent to:

Duane Hill, Scholarship Chairman: hill.duane@portseattle.org

Mailing address:

**Blacks in Government
Port of Seattle Chapter
P.O. Box 1209
Seattle, Washington 98111
Attn: Duane Hill**

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