

ExxonMobil Bernard Harris Math and Science Scholarships

2016 Application Guidelines

COUNCIL OF THE GREAT CITY SCHOOLS

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

ExxonMobil and Dr. Bernard Harris strongly believe that education is key to progress, development and economic growth in our country. Together, they have developed a partnership to increase awareness about the need for more math and science graduates, especially among underrepresented populations. For the seventh year, this scholarship is part of their efforts to support students of color who plan to pursue math- and science-related degrees.

Four scholarships for two boys and two girls, with a value of \$5,000 each, will be awarded in June 2016 to two Black and two Hispanic students currently completing their senior year of high school in a member district of the Council of the Great City Schools (see list of member districts on left). Applicants must be accepted for full-time enrollment at a fouryear college or university in the next academic year and pursuing a degree in Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics (STEM).

The scholarships, named in recognition of Dr. Bernard A. Harris, Jr., serve underrepresented students pursuing careers in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. As a former astronaut, physician and businessman, Dr. Harris is an outstanding role model dedicated to serving as a mentor to the scholarship recipients.

Applications will be reviewed by a committee appointed by the Council of the Great City Schools. Recipients will be selected by Dr. Harris and notified in June. The scholarship will be paid to the university of the recipient's choice and can be applied to tuition and related expenses during the 2016-2017 academic year.

PROGRAM GUIDELINES

To apply for the 2016 scholarship, this application must be submitted online by April 15, 2016, and should include evidence of the applicant's academic achievement in high school, leadership skills or community service in the area of Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics and the applicant's commitment to pursue a career in a STEM field. To be eligible for the scholarship, the applicant must have a minimum 3.0 unweighted grade point average and have been accepted as a full-time student at a four-year institution of higher education.

No person may receive more than one award administered by the Council of the Great City Schools in the same academic year. Employees or immediate family members of employees of ExxonMobil, The Harris Foundation or the Council of the Great City Schools are not eligible to apply for these scholarships.

*All applicants must attend a public school in a Council of the Great City Schools district. Go to: <u>www.cgcs.org/Page/211</u> to find the list of CGCS districts.

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The ExxonMobil Foundation is the primary philanthropic arm of Exxon Mobil Corporation (NYSE:XOM) in the United States. The foundation and the corporation engage in a range of philanthropic activities that advance education, promote women as catalysts for economic development and combat malaria. In the United States,

ExxonMobil supports initiatives to improve math and science education at the K-12 and higher education levels. In 2014, the ExxonMobil Foundation together with Exxon Mobil Corporation, its divisions and affiliates along with employees and retirees, provided \$279 million in contributions worldwide. www.exxonmobil.com/community



Founded in 1998, The Harris Foundation is a 501 (c) (3), non-profit organization based in Houston, whose overall mission is to invest in community-based initiatives to support education, health and wealth. The foundation supports programs that empower individuals, in particular minorities and economically and/or socially

disadvantaged, to recognize their potential and pursue their dreams. The education mission of The Harris Foundation is to enable youth to develop and achieve their full potential through the support of social, recreational, and educational programs. The Harris Foundation believes students can be prepared now for the careers of the future through a structured education program and the use of positive role models. More than 50,000 students have participated and benefited from THF programs. <u>www.theharrisfoundation.org</u>



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