



2024 CGCS-BERNARD HARRIS MATH AND SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Scholarships will be awarded in June 2024

DEADLINE TO APPLY IS APRIL 12, 2024

For questions, please visit <https://www.cgcs.org/awardsscholarships>
or email tharris@cgcs.org

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2024 Application Guidelines

MEMBER SCHOOL DISTRICTS

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Anchorage
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Atlanta
Aurora
Austin
Baltimore
Birmingham
Boston
Bridgeport
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Buffalo
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Cincinnati
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Cleveland
Columbus
Dallas
Dayton
Denver
Des Moines
Detroit
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Duval County
East Baton Rouge
El Paso
Fayette County
Fort Worth
Fresno
Guilford County
Hawaii
Hillsborough County
Houston
Indianapolis
Jackson
Jefferson County, Kentucky
Kansas City
Little Rock
Long Beach
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Richmond
Rochester
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San Francisco
Santa Ana
Seattle
St. Louis
St. Paul
Toledo
Tulsa
Washoe County
Wichita
Winston-Salem/Forsyth

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Council of the Great City Schools 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. 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 2024 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 four-year 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 2024-2025 academic school year.

PROGRAM GUIDELINES

To apply for the 2024 scholarship, this application must be submitted online by **April 12, 2024** Click here to apply or go to: <https://apply.mykaleidoscope.com/scholarships/CGCS-BernardHarris2024>

Applications 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 3.5 unweighted grade point average and have been accepted as a full-time student at a four-year institution of higher education.

Applicants will have to submit a list of STEM courses taken, two one-page essays, a high school transcript and have two people complete a short recommendation form. Applicants do not have to be a United States citizen.

No person may receive more than one award administered by the Council of the Great City Schools in the same academic year.

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

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2024 Application Partners

PETERS PHARIS

FOUNDATION

The Peters Pharis Foundation is a 501 (c) 3 charitable organization, established in 2018 by Bruce and Aulana Peters. The mission driving the foundation is to provide resources to persons dedicated to providing educational opportunities to highly motivated, high-performing socioeconomically disadvantaged students from underserved and underrepresented communities. The foundation works with other non profit entities to assist high-performing students from low-income families to realize their full potential through higher education. www.peterspharisfoundation.org



Bernard Harris is a former astronaut, physician, businessman, and the first African American to walk in space. He served as CEO and Executive Director of the National Math & Science Initiative and led the organization's efforts to improve teacher effectiveness and student achievement in communities across the country. He has been involved in math and science education for over 25 years through his philanthropy as founder of the Harris Institute & Foundation. Dr. Harris was at NASA for ten years, where he conducted research in musculoskeletal physiology and clinical investigations of space adaptation and developed in-flight medical devices to extend astronaut stays in space. He is the author of "Dream Walker: A Journey of Achievement and Inspiration."



The Council of the Great City Schools is the only national organization exclusively representing the needs of urban public schools, and is based in Washington, D.C. Composed of 78 large city districts, its mission is to promote the cause of urban schools and to advocate for the inner-city students through legislation, research and media relations. The organization also provides a network for school districts sharing common problems to exchange information, and to collectively address new challenges as they emerge in order to deliver the best possible education for urban youth. www.cgcs.org

CGCS-Bernard Harris Math and Science Scholarship Recipients



“ THIS SCHOLARSHIP MEANS A GREAT DEAL TO ME AND IT SIGNIFICANTLY HELPS MY FAMILY AND ME TOWARD MY COLLEGE EXPENSES. ”

Eliska Peacock is a graduate of the District of Columbia Public Schools and received a CGCS-Bernard Harris Math and Science Scholarship in 2020. She is studying computer science at Stanford University in California.



“ THIS SCHOLARSHIP HELPED ME TREMENDOUSLY AND I AM VERY GRATEFUL TO HAVE RECEIVED IT. ”

Ruben Marroquin is a graduate of the Houston Independent School District and received a CGCS-Bernard Harris Math and Science Scholarship in 2019. He is studying electrical and computer engineering at Rice University in Texas.