2019 CGCS-Bernard Harris Math and Science Scholarship Program

Application Guidelines

Scholarships awarded in May 2019
For questions, please visit www.cgcs.org or call 202.393.2427
CGCS-Bernard Harris Math and Science Scholarships
2019 Application Guidelines

Member School Districts
Albuquerque
Anchorage
Arlington, Texas
Atlanta
Aurora
Austin
Baltimore
Birmingham
Boston
Bridgeport
Broward County
Buffalo
Charleston
Charlotte-Mecklenburg
Chicago
Cincinnati
Clark County
Cleveland
Columbus
Dallas
Dayton
Denver
Des Moines
Detroit
District of Columbia
Duval County
El Paso
Fort Worth
Fresno
Guilford County
Hawaii
Hillsborough County
Houston
Indianapolis
Jackson
Jefferson County, Kentucky
Kansas City
Long Beach
Los Angeles
Metropolitan Nashville
Miami-Dade County
Milwaukee
Minneapolis
New Orleans
New York City
Newark
Norfolk
Oakland
Oklahoma City
Omaha
Orange County, Florida
Palm Beach County
Philadelphia
Pinellas County, Florida
Pittsburgh
Portland, Oregon
Providence
Puerto Rico
Richmond
Rochester
Sacramento
San Antonio
San Diego
San Francisco
Santa Ana
Seattle
Shelby County (Memphis)
St. Louis
St. Pau
Stockton
Toledo
Tulsa
Wichita

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 May 2019 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 May. The scholarship will be paid to the university of the recipient’s choice and can be applied to tuition and related expenses during the 2019-2020 academic school year.

To apply for the 2019 scholarship, this application must be submitted online by April 12, 2019 at www.cgcs.org 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 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 Great City Schools district. Go to: www.cgcs.org/dream/57 to find the list of CGCS districts. (Students in Toronto are not eligible).
The Harris Institute is a 501 (c) (3), non-profit organization founded by former NASA Astronaut Dr. Bernard A. Harris, Jr., to serve socially and economically disadvantaged communities locally and across the nation striving to reach the most underserved populations in the areas of Education, Health, and Wealth. The institute 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 Institute is to enable youth to develop and achieve their full potential through the support of social, recreational and educational programs. The Harris Institute 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 THI programs. www.theharrisinstitute.org

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 74 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