



**NORTHERN VIRGINIA SECTION
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN, INC.
SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

Greetings,

The National Council of Negro Women (NCNW) was founded in 1935 by Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune. NCNW is a national organization committed to helping all women and families strengthen their communities and improve quality of life. We, the Northern Virginia (NoVA) Section of NCNW, are a dedicated group of volunteers whose sole mission is to implement NCNW's goals throughout the Northern Virginia area. The NoVA Section was chartered in 1976 and has grown to be one of the largest Sections in the Mid-Atlantic region. Our multitude of successful community service initiatives within the Northern Virginia area include conducting and supporting health events, packing care packages for active military personnel, feeding the homeless, and giving grants/donations to schools and other community establishments.

The NoVa Section is hosting our **Third Annual Oratorical Scholarship Competition** with the mission to provide scholarships to college-bound seniors. We are seeking African-American or African-descent high school seniors to apply for "**Voice Of Our National Treasure**" scholarship. This year scholarships will be awarded to deserving recipients in the amounts of \$1,500 (1st place), \$1,000 (2nd place), and \$500 (3rd place).

Enclosed is a copy of the complete application package. Feel free to make additional copies and distribute to students who meet the criteria. Please encourage all eligible seniors to apply for this scholarship. If you need additional information, please send an email to NoVANCNWScholar@gmail.com or call 703-829-7449.

Sincerely,

Karita L. Richardson

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Third Vice President, NoVA Section



The Northern Virginia Section of National Council of Negro Women Presents

VOICE OF OUR NATIONAL TREASURE

Bullying

Being Resilient

Equities Education

Human Trafficking

Policing the Police

Economic Sustainability



Oratorical Scholarship Competition

Awards

- \$1,500 – First Place
- \$1,000 – Second Place
- \$500 – Third Place

Saturday, February 23, 2019

Wakefield High School

1325 S. Dinwiddie St. Arlington, VA 22206

1pm - 3pm

FREE EVENT FOR ALL!!

The scholarship competition is open to African American or African-descent high school seniors who will be attending an undergraduate program/ university during the 2019-2020 academic year.

Visit www.novancnw.org and click on Scholarships.

Completed applications are due by Saturday, January 5, 2019

For more information contact us at NovaNCNWScholar@gmail.com

or phone (703) 829-7449





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The Northern Virginia Section offers scholarships to African-American and African-descent high school seniors who have excelled academically and plan to pursue a college degree during the 2018-2019 school year.

SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS:

- Must be an African-American or African-descent high school senior attending a public or private high school in the Northern Virginia area and residing in Arlington, Alexandria, Fairfax County, or Falls Church.
- Students must submit an **official** high school transcript
- Must have a GPA of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale
- Must be planning to apply to an accredited institution of postsecondary education for the 2018-2019 academic year.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PARTICIPANTS WILL BE SELECTED BASED ON THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

- Completed scholarship application, postmarked by Saturday, January 5, 2019
(Grammatically correct and legible)
- High school senior
- Official high school transcript
- Minimal GPA of 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale)
- Completed essay of 500-525 words, double-spaced, 12 pt. font
- **Photo** - Attach a recent professional photograph (acceptable formats-PDF, JPG, TIFF) of student to this application.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Application must be emailed to NoVANCNWScholar@gmail.com by Saturday, January 5, 2019 or mailed to NoVA Section NCNW, P.O. Box 119, Merrifield, VA 22116 postmarked by Saturday, January 5, 2019. Applications that are not fully completed will not be considered. You will be notified no later than Friday, January 18, 2019, if you are selected.



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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

PART I: PERSONAL DATA

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: (____) _____ Age: _____

Email: _____

Name of Parent or Guardian: _____

Name of Northern Virginia High School: _____

Cumulative Grade Point Average: _____ **(Attach Official Transcript)**

Identify the university or college having been accepted and/or plan to attend:

List other scholarships applied for:

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PART III: Parent Permission and Confirmation

Name of Applicant: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Other: _____

Student Email: _____ Parent Email: _____

School: _____ Grade/Classification: _____

Parent /Guardian Name: _____

Emergency Contact Number: _____

I (Parent/Guardian) _____ grant permission for my child, _____, to participate in the 3rd Annual NOVA NCNW Scholarship Competition on Saturday, February 23, 2019.

Parent/ Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

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I hereby acknowledge that the information submitted in this application is true and that it is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant's Signature

Date

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PART IV: Oratorical Competition Theme: “VOICE OF OUR NATIONAL TREASURE”

Prompt: In 500-525 words, use the following context to stimulate your writing prose for the oratorical competition. Essays may be written as a poem, spoken word, rap, or speech.

WARNING: Our National Treasure is #@risk.

NOVA NCNW Scholarship Committee understands that there are specific issues that affect our youth during their journey to adulthood. We also appreciate that each of you are afforded the right to vote during our next Presidential election. . Understand that how you cast your vote will represent what you are willing to live with or without until the next term. We implore you to use this scholarship platform to discuss those issues, with resolve, that are putting you, our National Treasure, #@risk.

Human rights are central challenges confronting all nations. The below are critical topics, pick one.

- 1. Economic Sustainability***
- 2. Equities Education***
- 3. Human Trafficking***
- 4. Bullying***
- 5. Being Resilient***
- 6. Policing the Police***

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Oratorical Competition Speech Guidelines:

1. PURPOSE

- A. To provide an opportunity for individual high school seniors to be recognized for individual accomplishments and speaking abilities.
- B. To provide an opportunity for the (NoVA) Section of NCNW, Inc., to support and help community youth pursue their postsecondary educational goals.

2. APPLICABILITY

These rules, unless otherwise noted, shall apply to all speech competitors selected by NoVA Section of NCNW, Inc. to participate in the **“Voice Of Our National Treasure”** Third Annual Oratorical Competition. These rules may not be supplanted or modified, and no exceptions.

3. ELIGIBILITY- Competitor must be:

- A. A college-bound high school senior attending an accredited high school, and all paperwork must be in appropriate order.
- B. Eligible at all times of this competition. If at any time it is discovered that a competitor is ineligible to compete, the competitor will be disqualified.
- C. Checked in 60 minutes prior to competition for briefing rules and facility orientation.

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