



NSBE DC Collegiate Scholarship Program

Description

The National Society of Black Engineers, Washington D.C. Professionals Chapter (NSBE DC) is ecstatic to announce 2 NEW scholarships for NSBE collegiate members in 2020: **The Katherine Johnson Trailblazer Scholarship** and **James West Innovator Scholarship!** Historically, NSBE DC has focused its scholarship efforts on high school seniors through the Future Innovators Scholarship. This year, the chapter's aim is to also recognize outstanding collegiate members who have made special contributions to the community, STEM pipeline development, and technological innovation. The inaugural College Initiative Scholarship Program will award \$2,000 scholarships to up to 10 deserving college students.

Note: the total amount of scholarships that are awarded will be based on the total amount raised from our fundraisers and corporate donations.

- [Katherine Johnson Trailblazer Scholarship](#) - recipients will be students who are dynamic NSBE leaders dedicated to the Mission, change agents in their technical field of study, and by paving the way for the next generation, serve as exemplary role models for young people.
- [James West Innovator Scholarship](#) - recipients will be students who are dynamic NSBE leaders dedicated to the Mission, and as creative thinkers, are pursuing the realization of their unique technical ideas through academic research, entrepreneurship, or have formed non-technical solutions to political and social challenges with respect to increasing diversity in STEM.

Eligibility

All applicants must be an **active NSBE Collegiate member**, with a minimum of **2 completed semesters**, and **enrolled at one of the following higher educational institutions** in the greater Washington, DC area:

- Bowie State University
- George Mason University
- George Washington University
- Georgetown University
- Howard University
- Prince George's Community College
- Montgomery College
- Northern Virginia Community College
- United States Naval Academy
- University of the District of Columbia
- University of Maryland

Timeline

- Scholarship Outline Review - December 15, 2019
- Application launch - January 6, 2020
- Initial application deadline - March 1, 2020
- Top applicants notified - March 9, 2020
- Second round video essay deadline (selected applicants only) - April 1, 2020
- Scholarship winners announced - April 21, 2020
- Awards ceremony (NSBE DC Gala) - TBD

Scholarship Application Criteria

- General Information
 - Name
 - School
 - Major
 - NSBE Membership ID Number
- Short Essay
 - Answer one question in 250 words or less
- Resume
 - Showcase professional work and community involvement
- Unofficial Transcripts or Enrollment Verification Letter
 - Verify college enrollment
- Letter of recommendation from a NSBE advisor or professional mentor
 - Verify NSBE “activeness” and help illustrate character of applicant.

Scholarship Scoring and Tracking

- All applicants will submit information through the scholarship application (Google Form) which will generate a spreadsheet with all the applicants’ responses. The form will accept responses until March 1st. A second spreadsheet will be used to track and score applicants - will use a similar template to PCI FIS document.
- First round scoring will be delegated to CI committee members by going through assigned applicants’ responses and documentation, then using the scoring rubric and inputting scores on tracking sheets. Review period: March 1st - 7th
- Top applicants from the first round will be notified, and prompted to submit a short video answering a different question from the initial application. Delegated CI committee members will view all videos and will select winners as a group (vote). Review Period: April 1st - 19th.