

# CARIBBEAN STUDENTS' SCHOLARSHIP FUND, INC. (CSSF)



*Offering scholarships to promising high school seniors and/or returning  
undergraduate students of Caribbean heritage*

**2015**

Website: [cssfinc.org](http://cssfinc.org)

### **Dear Scholarship Fund Applicant:**

On behalf of the CSSF, Inc., Board of Directors, we applaud your efforts to pursue a college education. Your interest in applying for this scholarship shows that you have decided to positively affect your future through higher education. We are committed to providing opportunities for students like you.

Keep in mind that most scholarship programs, including ours, are competitive processes. To ensure that your application receives full consideration, we suggest that you:

- 1) Carefully read the eligibility requirements;
- 2) Follow the application instructions, and;
- 3) Have a colleague proofread your work.
- 4) Applicant is held responsible for all information submitted in the application.

We realize how important this process is to you and your family, thus we take great care in reviewing all applications. We wish you much luck and success!

### **SCHOLARSHIP PURPOSE**

The Caribbean Students' Scholarship Fund, Inc. provides an opportunity to invest in the education of our community's youths. Simultaneously, the CSSF, Inc. will establish and maintain a fellowship rooted in traditional and historical Caribbean principles--of using one's skills in service to the community and put into practice those principles that build upon the strong history of the Caribbean.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

To be considered, the applicant must meet ***ALL*** of the following criteria:

- Must be of Caribbean descent.
- Be a current high school senior or high school graduate possessing a General Equivalency Diploma.
- Planning to enroll or currently enrolled as a full-time student in an accredited two or four year institution of higher learning for the 2015-2016 academic year.
- Legally resides in the Washington D.C. Metropolitan area (Maryland, Northern Virginia or the District of Columbia).
- Possess a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
- Must be able to demonstrate financial need. Provide a dated copy of the previous year 1040 tax form.
- Must not be a previous recipient.

### **ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE**

- West Indian American Military Members Association Scholarship (WIAMMA)
- Dr. Keith and Berna Warner Scholarship
- Dr. Wilbur Atwell Scholarship

### **APPLICATION PROCESS**

All current Scholarship recipients are required to perform at least two (2) community service events sponsored by the CSSF, Inc. that are deemed necessary by the membership. The Scholarship candidate(s) from the previous year should return, get acquainted and share some experiences with the newly selected candidates. He/she must be prepared to make a formal introduction of the new candidates.

Eligible students should apply by sending the completed application form along with an essay and sealed high school transcript to the Caribbean Students' Scholarship Fund, Inc.

**For consideration, all applications must be postmarked by February 27, 2015.**

**Mailing Address: Caribbean Students' Scholarship Fund, Inc., P.O. Box 1229, Landover, MD 20785-1229**



## SELECTION AND NOTIFICATION

Based on the above criteria, scholarship recipients will be selected by the Caribbean Students' Scholarship Fund, Inc. Advisory Board members. Applicants will be notified in writing by **March 14, 2015**. **Candidates must avail themselves to a face-to-face interview with the Advisory Board members on March 28, 2015.**

## CARIBBEAN STUDENTS' SCHOLARSHIP FUND, INC. APPLICATION

Have you previously applied for a CSSF Award? ☐ Yes ☐ No

LAST NAME	FIRST	MI	APPLICATION DATE
DATE OF BIRTH	AGE	SOCIAL SECURITY NO.	
ADDRESS WHILE AT SCHOOL	CITY	STATE	ZIPCODE
PARENT'S/HOME ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIPCODE
HOME PHONE	APPLICANT'S CELL PHONE	PRIMARY EMAIL ADDRESS	

## ACADEMIC INFORMATION

FALL 2015 CLASS LEVEL:

COMMUNITY COLLEGE: ☐ 1<sup>st</sup> year ☐ 2<sup>nd</sup> year

FOUR YEAR COLLEGE: ☐ Freshman ☐ Sophomore ☐ Junior ☐ Senior ☐ 5th year Senior

INSTITUTION NAME WHERE YOU WILL BE ENROLLED IN FALL 2015 (Do not abbreviate name)

INSTITUTION ADDRESS CITY STATE ZIPCODE

INSTITUTION NAME, IF TRANSFERRING DURING WINTER/SPRING TERM OF 2015-2016 ACADEMIC YEAR (Do not abbreviate name)

TRANSFER ADDRESS CITY STATE ZIPCODE

DATE OF TRANSFER

## FAMILY INFORMATION

NET INCOME: \_\_\_\_\_ (Please provide proof)

INDICATE CARIBBEAN LINEAGE MOTHER'S BIRTHPLACE FATHER'S BIRTHPLACE

NUMBER OF DEPENDENTS CURRENTLY IN COLLEGE (INCLUDING YOURSELF) \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR MARITAL STATUS: ☐ Single ☐ Married ☐ Separated ☐ Divorced ☐ Widowed



## **STUDENT ACTIVITIES**

Using the same headings below, please provide information on your experiences for each area on a separate sheet; be as specific as possible regarding dates and the length and depth of your activities. (If not completed, application will be disqualified). Also, please attach your resume/profile to this application.

- Work Experience    • Community Activities    • Honors and Awards Received    • Career Goals

Please attach the following to this application:

- 1) Under CONFIDENTIAL cover, provide two (2) written references from persons who have known you for at least three (3) years and are not related to you.
- 2) An essay (between 300 and 500 words) from one of the topics listed below. Candidate must be prepared to discuss in an interview selected content(s) of the essay that demonstrate one of the following:
  1. Recent events in the United States have brought the topic of "domestic violence against women" to the forefront of public attention. Is this a problem in the Caribbean and an issue that needs to be addressed? Discuss, provide explanation and resolution.
  2. In selecting an appropriate institution of higher learning to attend and a career field to pursue, what factors should a student/parent consider in his or her effort to make the most prudent decision? Elaborate on the relevance of the factors.
  3. The prevalence of serious crime in the Caribbean is stunting growth and development throughout the region. What are some of the reasons for this escalating surge in crime, and what can be done to eradicate this disturbing trend?
  4. With the presence of Non Governmental Organizations in many Caribbean countries addressing issues such as health, education, poverty alleviation, and the environment, the task falls to them and other private country organizations to fill the gap. Select a country and identify a number of such groups whose work has brought about significant and meaningful change. Discuss the work done by those organizations and identify other issues that need to be addressed.

## **APPLICATION CERTIFICATION AND RELEASE OF INFORMATION:**

- I certify that all information on this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.
- I certify that I meet all eligibility requirements as specified in this application and the accompanying instructions.
- I understand that application materials become the property of CSSF, Inc. and will not be returned.
- I hereby authorize CSSF to share or publish my GPA and application for the purpose of evaluation, recruitment, public relations, possible employment or any other related activity.
- I understand that I must notify CSSF of any changes in my enrollment status. I also understand that a change in full-time status may result in the cancellation of any award.

## **CHECK LIST**

Please check each of the following required documents before submitting your application:

- ☐ Completed and signed application
- ☐ Essay (not more than 500 words)
- ☐ High school transcript/GPA Certification Form (this may also be forwarded directly from your current school)
- ☐ Two (2) written references (under confidential cover)
- ☐ A complete, signed and dated copy of your most recent financial information (i.e. Income Tax Form 1040 and one of either a Student Aid Report or FAFSA application)

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APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

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DATE

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