



**BLACK HERITAGE SOCIETY OF WASHINGTON STATE, INC.
FOUNDERS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
2026**

**LETTER OF INFORMATION
WASHINGTON STATE HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS**

The Black Heritage Society of Washington, Inc. (BHS) is offering one (1) \$2000 scholarship to a student who identifies as African American and who is presently in their senior year of high school in Washington State.

BHS is committed to supporting Washington State African American youth in their pursuit of higher education. The BHS Founders Scholarship Fund has been established to help with college/university expenses.

-Eligibility is as follows:

- ✓ Applicants must be a high school senior who identifies as African American attending a Washington State high school.
- ✓ Applicants must be enrolled at the specific High School from which they will graduate.
- ✓ Applicants must have a 2.5 cumulative grade point average or greater
- ✓ Applicants must be accepted for entry into a college, university, or accredited technical/trade school at the time of receipt of the BHS Scholarship in June of their graduating year.
- ✓ Applicants must complete the two-page questionnaire provided, which includes an essay of approximately 300 words.

DEADLINE: All applications must be returned to BHS email or postmarked to the BHS post office box no later than **May 1, 2026**.

***Addresses are on the application.**

Applications must include attachments:

- (1) Letter of Recommendation from the high school counselor or an educator.
- (1) Letter of Recommendation from a personal reference other than a relative.
- Letter of Acceptance at a college, university or accredited technical/trade school
- Most recent high school transcript

Upon receipt and review of the applications, the Scholarship Committee will select their top candidate based on the eligibility criteria and present that recommendation to the BHS Board of Directors for approval.

The Founders Scholarship recipient will be required to submit a photograph and sign a media release form.

Thank you in advance for applying to the BHS Founders Scholarship Fund. If you have any questions, email: blackheritagesocietywa@gmail.com with subject line: Founders Scholarship.

Best of luck with your education goals.

-Black Heritage Society of Washington State, Inc. Board of Directors



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NAME: _____
(LAST) (FIRST) (MI)

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ **HIGH SCHOOL:** _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY _____ **STATE** _____ **ZIP CODE** _____

PHONE: _____ **EMAIL:** _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN'S NAME:

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ **EMAIL:** _____

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION DATE: _____

PLANNING TO ATTEND: _____

HAVE YOU RECEIVED A LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE YES ___ NO ___ WAITING ___

INTENDED FIELD OF STUDY: _____

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1. PLEASE LIST ANY SCHOOL AWARDS AND/OR SPECIAL RECOGNITION YOU HAVE RECEIVED DURING YOUR SCHOOL YEARS.

2. PLEASE LIST ANY EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, PUBLIC SERVICE, COMMUNITY PROJECTS (INCLUDE NAMES OF ORGANIZATIONS) AND HOBBIES.

3. SELECT **ONE** OF THE FOLLOWING 4 QUESTIONS. PLEASE RESPOND WITH 200-300 WORDS. *ATTACH AS A SEPARATE DOCUMENT WITH YOUR NAME IN THE HEADER.
 - What is the career path you intend to pursue? Explain your reasons.
 - How did your family/ancestors make the journey to settle in Washington?
 - How have you participated in service to your community or high school?
 - How will this scholarship assist you in furthering your education?

In addition to the application and essay response, please return:

- (2) Letters of Recommendation as outlined in criteria.
- Most recent High School transcript including your GPA
- Copy of your Letter of College/University Acceptance

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