



The Commission on
Women, Children, Seniors, Equity & Opportunity

CWCSEO
Connecticut General Assembly

**Connecticut General Assembly, African American Sub Commission
Young Civic Leaders Scholarship Award Announcement**

The African American Sub Commission of the Commission on Women, Children, Seniors, and Equity & Opportunity (CWCSEO) is proud of its commitment to serving as a liaison to the state of Connecticut's legislature on behalf of the over 350,000 African Americans who reside in the "Constitution State".

In recognition of this community's legacy of civic participation and in the interest of preserving this tradition among young people, the Connecticut General Assembly's African American Sub Commission of the CWCSEO will offer \$1,000.00, *Young Civic Leaders Scholarship* awards (3) to African American students who have demonstrated a commitment to civic life via community engagement and service, and academic interest. Young Civic Leaders Scholarship applicants must:

- Be a senior in high-school of African American decent
- Have a track record of community engagement and demonstrate academic excellence
- Submit two letters of recommendations from non-family members (one of which must be from a teacher or guidance counselor)
- Be a resident of Connecticut; and qualify for free or reduced lunch

All completed applications must be return via email to cwcseo@cga.ct.gov **by 5:00pm on Friday, January 29, 2021**. Awardees will be notified by the close of business on February 28, 2021. Please feel free to distribute this information widely. Please forward all questions and/or requests for additional information to denise.drummond@cga.ct.gov.

Sincerely,

Steven Hernández, Esq.,
CWCSEO Executive Director

Alphonse Wright
African American Sub Commission Chair



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Criteria

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Deadline Notice: Interested students are asked to fill out the attached application and return it via email to cwcseo@cga.ct.gov by 5:00 PM on Friday, January 29, 2021. Awardees will be notified by CWCSEO staff by the close of business on Sunday, February 28, 2021.

Please be aware that your financial aid may be reduced by amount awarded to you by your college/university once you are selected by us. **This program is both "need" and merit-based.*

IMPORTANT: Student applications must be received by the DUE date. Late submissions will NOT BE accepted. Incomplete submissions will NOT BE accepted.



Student Scholarship Application

Does student identify as “African American”? Yes No

Student Name: _____

Student Address: _____

Student Cell Phone: _____ *Letters of Recommendation Enclosed Y ___ N ___

Student Email: _____

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

Student GPA: _____ CT Resident: Y _____ N _____

Please submit an essay response (750-1500 words) to one of the following prompts:

- What contributions do you hope to make to the state’s African American community following your college career?
- What current challenges face the state’s African American community will your education prepare you to help address?
- Discuss how your interest in community engagement/civic life been shaped by a role model (feel free to share reflections on someone from your community, a historical figure, OR teacher/mentor/coach).

Please list all volunteer/community engagement work you’ve participated in since the beginning of your junior year in high school:
