

## **Pentagon Chapter of Blacks in Government Scholarship**

The University of the District of Columbia Foundation, Inc. is pleased to announce the availability of the Pentagon Chapter of Blacks in Government Scholarship. The Pentagon Chapter of Blacks in Government is headquartered in Arlington, Virginia. It is one of several hundred branches of Blacks in Government, Inc. (BIG) located throughout the United States. BIG was organized in 1975 and incorporated as a nonprofit in 1976 in the District of Columbia to provide African Americans in public service support in the workplace and on community issues. It is a nonpartisan, educational, training, advisory, and professional development organization, which represents more than 2.5 million African Americans employed in the federal, state, and local governments. BIG cultivates the desire to succeed and stimulates personal development and professionalism. The organization has been commended for its "...continuing efforts to implement "win-win" situations, which foster effective and efficient government" and has made great progress in improving employee performance and in promoting economically sound government operations. BIG's unwavering commitment is to promote excellence in government through equality of opportunity.

**Scholarship Award:** The Pentagon Chapter of Blacks in Government Scholarship Fund shall be awarded in academic year 2009-2010 to students who demonstrate the strongest financial need and best exemplify the qualities of leadership and community service. Recipients shall receive F. Awardees will be known as "Pentagon Chapter of Blacks in Government Scholars" and may include this designation in their curriculum vita.

**Eligibility:** Students shall be classified as at least a sophomore or higher with a 2.75 cumulative grade point average and reside in the District of Columbia or the metropolitan area (Montgomery and Prince George's Counties in Maryland, or Arlington, Alexandria, or Fairfax, Virginia). Applicants must intend to enroll full-time in a two or four-year undergraduate degree program at the University of the District of Columbia.

**Applicants must submit a typewritten double-spaced 300-500 word essay on one of the following topics:**

1. "Education remains the key to both economic and political empowerment. That is why the schools charged with educating African Americans have perhaps, the greatest, the deepest challenge of all." *Barbara Jordan, Lawyer and U.S. Congressperson*  
Explain how the quotation is personally meaningful to you and your education at the University of the District of Columbia.
2. Choose a favorite movie, book, quote or quotation and explain how it personally impacted your education at the University of the District of Columbia.

3. Ronald Heifetz, one of the world's leading authorities on leadership said: "People don't learn by staring into a mirror; people learn by encountering difference." Reflect on a situation at the University of the District of Columbia in which you encountered difference and describe the circumstance. What did this experience teach you?

Applicants must submit a 300-500 word essay, three (3) letters of recommendation from persons other than family members who know the applicant well, e.g. a principal, president, dean, chairperson, teacher, professor, counselor, or a community leader. Applications must include official copies of school or college transcripts.

Deadline for  
Applications:

Applicants must submit entries to the UDC Scholarship Committee, Attn: Ms. Edna M. King, 4200 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Building 39/Room 106, Washington, DC 20008 before \*February 1 (if this date falls on a non workday the next business day applies).

