

## **University Grant Fund**

### **Qualifications**

The University Grant Fund will be made available to deserving and needy students for tuition and fees, books and supplies, and limited transportation when funds are available. The maximum award **should not exceed** the costs of a full-time course load for undergraduate resident or non-resident student. Book expenses will be limited to \$500 or less. Student must be at least a second semester freshman.

#### **The award will be based on the following qualifications:**

- a. Completion of a 500 word essay from one of the following topics:
  1. Choose a favorite movie, book quote or quotation and explain how it personally impacted your education at the University of the District of Columbia.
  2. 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?
  3. The University of the District of Columbia has experienced many leadership changes and financial shortfalls over the last ten years. Describe some of the changes you would like to see at the University as we move further into the 21<sup>st</sup> century to ensure stability.
  4. "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.
- b. Verification of financial need
- c. Cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or better (student must attach an unofficial copy of his/her transcript)
- d. Three (3) letters of reference from a person who knows the applicant well other than family members; a UDC professor, advisor, chair, dean or community leader.
- e. Full-time student (12 credit hours)
- f. Must be eligible and complete FAFSA ([www.FAFSA.ed.gov](http://www.FAFSA.ed.gov)) UDC School Code – 007015 (U.S. Students)
- g. Participate in University or donor events
- h. Interview with Scholarship Committee members
- i. Incomplete Applications will be rejected (submit **all** required documents, answer all questions, print clearly or type, sign and date)

**Submit applications and required documents to:** Scholarship Committee, Office of Financial Aid, 4200 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Building 39, Rm. 101, Washington, DC 20008

**University of the District of Columbia Foundation, Inc.**

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## Application Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student I.D.#: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Student classification: Freshman \_\_\_\_\_ Sophomore \_\_\_\_\_ Junior \_\_\_\_\_ Senior \_\_\_\_\_  
Expected graduation date: \_\_\_\_\_

Major Field of Study: \_\_\_\_\_ Current cumulative grade point average? \_\_\_\_\_

Career goal: \_\_\_\_\_

Honors and awards: \_\_\_\_\_

Extracurricular Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

University/Community/Other Involvement: \_\_\_\_\_

Grant Amount Requested \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover (check all that apply) \_\_\_ tuition & fees \_\_\_ books, \_\_\_ transportation

Do you currently owe funds to the University? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No If yes, how much \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly describe your financial need and attach relevant documentation:

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### Disclaimer

University of the District of Columbia Foundation scholarships are made possible by contributions from individual donors, private corporations, federal, and state organizations. If selected, I will respond affirmatively to possible university requests that I meet with the scholarship donor(s); attend events, if any, sponsored by the University of the District of Columbia to recognize scholarship donors. I understand further that the University may wish to make a public announcement of scholarship winners and to provide appropriate information about scholarship recipients to benefactors. I hereby authorize the University to release information pertaining to the scholarship, with the exception of personal salary data and application for financial aid.

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Signature and Date (certifies that all information provided is true)

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 Approved Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Rejected -- Reason for Rejection: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature and Date

(qualifications on reverse side)