

## **PHYLLIS CAMPBELL NEWSOME ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP**

The University of the District of Columbia Foundation, Inc. is pleased to announce the availability of the Phyllis Campbell Newsome Scholarship. The endowed scholarship fund was established by Robert D. Newsome in honor and memory of his wife, Phyllis, an advocate for community relations, and legislative and constituent services. Mrs. Newsome graduated with honors from the University of the District of Columbia Division of Urban Affairs, Behavioral and Social Sciences in 1994 and also hosted a sports radio show at the University. The Phyllis Campbell Newsome Scholarship provides merit scholarships to women majoring in Urban Studies at the University of the District of Columbia.

**Scholarship Award:** The Phyllis Campbell Newsome Scholarship is awarded annually; and supports tuition and fees for the spring and fall semesters and summer sessions for four (4) academic years provided the recipient remains eligible. Continuing eligibility for the award will be determined each semester. A Newsome Scholar may appeal for a fifth year grant. Awardees will be known as “Newsome Scholars.”

**Eligibility:** Applicants must reside in the District of Columbia or Montgomery County, Maryland, be enrolled as a part-time or full-time student in the University’s four-year Urban Studies Program, and maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.0.

**Applicants must submit a typewritten double-spaced 500 word essay on one of the following topics (graduating high school seniors select from the topics marked with an asterisk \*):**

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. President William L. Pollard selected the theme of the University of the District of Columbia: “A new day, a new opportunity.” Write what this means to you.
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.

**\*Incoming High School Students choose from topics below:**

1. Congress has just voted to allow 18 year olds to run for president of the United States. You have decided to run for that office. Why have you chosen to run and what are your three most important agenda items?
2. If you could change places with another person for one year (past or present), who would you choose to be, why and what would you do?
3. When someone asks you to describe yourself, where do you begin--with your agenda, your race, your religion or your talents? Everyone is multifaceted. What would you bring to the University of the District of Columbia community?

Applicants must submit three (3) letters of recommendation from persons other than family members who know the applicant well; one (1) letter from 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 Foundation Inc., Attn: Ms. Edna M. King, Bldg. 39, Rm. 301N, 4200 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20008 before March 1\* (if this date falls on a non workday, the next business day applies).

Selection:

Scholarship recipients will be selected by the University of the District of Columbia Scholarship Committee. For additional information, contact UDC Foundation, Inc. on (202) 274-5312.

**\*March 1 deadline extended to May 31**