**WHIHBCU**

**HBCU Competitiveness Scholar Nomination Form**

The White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities (WHIHBCUs) works to promote HBCU excellence and innovation. This year, the WHIHBCU will recognize undergraduate, graduate, and professional students for their competitiveness (i.e., successfully preparing to compete for top opportunities and improving standards of living in their communities).

Nominate your HBCU Competitiveness Scholar today!

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PROGRAM DETAILS

Scholars will be recognized by the WHIHBCU for one academic school year. During the course of that year, WHIHBCU staff will provide Scholars’ with outreach and engagement opportunities.

Scholars are encouraged to build relationships within their institutions, with regional and community-based organizations, as well as, government and private sector entities. Selected Scholars will learn and share proven and promising stakeholder engagement practices that support new opportunities for all young people.

Additionally, Scholars will have opportunities to participate in regional events and web chats that support a wide range of topics, including, but not limited to, the spirit of engagement and entrepreneurship, innovation and career development. All Scholars will be invited to attend and participate in the Annual HBCU Week National Conference in Washington, D.C.

ELIGIBILITY AND RULES

1. The nominee must work with their institution’s leadership to complete and submit the nomination package by the established deadline. The nomination package includes: signed nomination form, unofficial transcript, student interest essay, resume and signed institutional endorsement commitment letter.
2. The nominee must be a **current** undergraduate, graduate or professional HBCU student in good standing at an accredited institution and must be enrolled for the 2018-2019 academic school year.. [View HBCU Listing by State](http://www.ed.gov/edblogs/whhbcu/files/2014/02/HBCU-Presidents-as-of-January-14-2014.docx)
3. Complete nomination packages will be reviewed and approved by the HBCU President or Chancellor and submitted to WHIHBCU for final processing. Only **complete nomination packages** will be accepted.
4. Please name your file: **HBCU Competitiveness Scholar (Student Name: first, last) / HBCU Name)** Submissions provided past the due date or in the incorrect format will **not** be accepted.

You may insert required documents into the fields below or you may scan required documents. There should be only 1 attachment to your submission email, ALL components of the nomination must be sent in **ONE PDF.**

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STUDENT INFORMATION

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| **Legal Name (Last)\*** | **Legal Name (First, Middle Initial)\*** |
| **Gender: Male** **[ ]  Female** **[ ]**  | **Hometown (City, State):** |
| **What HBCU do you attend?** | **Graduation Date:** |
| **Major\***(No Abbreviations)**:**  | **Grade Point Average (GPA):** |
| **Status( Junior, Sophomore, Senior, Graduate or Doctoral)**  |
| **Academic and Career Interest:** |
| **City\*:**  | **State\*:**  | **Zip\*:**  |
| **Phone:**  | **Primary E-mail\*:**  |
| **Primary Mailing Address\*:**  |

\* REQUIRED

HBCU PRESIDENT/CHANCELLOR INFORMATION

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| **Legal Name (Last)\*** | **Legal Name (First)\*** |
| **College or University Name\*:** |
| **Title \*:** |
| **School Mailing Address\*:** |
| **City\*:**  | **State\*:**  | **Zip\*:** |
| **Phone:**  | **Primary E-mail\*:** |

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**Part A: UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT**

Required with this application is a copy of your nominees’ unofficial transcript.

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**Part B:** **ENDORSEMENT COMMITMENT LETTER**

(To be completed by HBCU President or Chancellor)

President or Chancellor must provide a signed written nomination attesting to the nominee's current performance, potential for a leadership and institutional endorsement commitment.

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**Part C: STUDENT INTEREST ESSAY**

(To be completed by the Nominee)

In 500 words or less, the nominee must briefly describe their

* Academic achievements;
* Demonstrated civic and/or campus engagement;
* Proven entrepreneurial ethos;
* Personal and career aspirations/needs;
* Institutions' and communities' aspirations, needs; and
* Ideas on how the WHIHBCU and this recognition will support those aspirations and needs.

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**Part D: RESUME**

Please attach resume. This document must be no longer than 2 pages.

**Part E: SIGNATURES**

**HBCU Competitiveness Scholar Nominee:**

Signature: Date:

**HBCU President or Chancellor:**

Signature: Date: