

***“When you’ve worked hard, and done well, and walked through that doorway of opportunity, you do not slam it shut behind you. You reach back, and you give other folks the same chances that helped you succeed.”***

**– First Lady Michelle Obama**

Dear Student,

In 2013, we founded *The HBCU Puissance Scholarship* with a desire to help students like you offset the financial responsibilities of college.

Regardless of the school, Historically Black Colleges and Universities are connected by a legacy of rich history, a lineage of success and a powerful binding force. Alumni across the globe have contributed to this scholarship and remain invested in helping HBCU students succeed.

Enclosed, you will find a scholarship application exclusively offered to incoming HBCU freshman from New York City. We are awarding up to $3,500to be used towards academic achievement. We invite you to complete the application and submit by March 30th, 2019 for further consideration by The Puissance Scholarship Executive Board.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at scholarship@hbcupuissance.xyz

Sincerely,

The Puissance Scholarship Executive Board

***Alize Garcia*** Howard University ’12

***Brendan Francis***, Howard University ’12

***Anastazia Neely***, Hampton University ’12

***Roger Rojas***, Morgan State ’01



*The HBCU Puissance Scholarship Executive Board will award scholarships to Outstanding New York City area students bound for Historically Black Colleges or Universities in the Fall of 2019. Awardees will be selected based upon their academic achievement, personal character, and community involvement.*

**Required Application Documents**: Applicant packages should include the following items and must be emailed to scholarship@hbcupuissance.xyz before the deadline.

1. A completed, signed and dated checklist
2. A completed, signed and dated Scholarship Application
3. A 500 word (double spaced, **typed**) essay
4. Unofficial copy of high school transcript
5. Headshot of applicant

**Student Eligibility:**All students considered for the Puissance Scholarship must meet the following eligibility requirements:

1. Enrolled as a full-time, first year student at an accredited historically black college/university (HBCU) for 2019 Fall Semester, see list of acceptable HBCUs here: <http://1.usa.gov/O7iJIO>.
2. Must be a current resident of AND/OR attended high school in Westchester, Long Island or one of 5 boroughs of New York City.
3. Must be in good standing with his/her high school

**Selection Process:** Therecipients will be selected by the Executive board of the Puissance Scholarship based on, but not limited to, the following criteria:

1. Content of essay
2. Academic achievement
3. Resume

**Please email completed Scholarship Applications to:** scholarship@hbcupuissance.xyz

**OR**

**Mail to 117 Margaret St, Teaneck NJ 07093**

**Completed applications are due Saturday, March 30th, 2019 by 11:59pm**

**The scholarship recipient will be notified no later than April 22nd, 2019.**

**The Puissance Scholarship Application Coversheet**

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, affirm that I have included the following documents in my Scholarship Application Package.

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| **□** | **Coversheet***(this page)* |
| **□** | **Scholarship Application***(Please ensure you have included all 3 pages)*  |
| **□** | **500-Word Essay***(Typed response to one of the 3 designated essay prompts)*  |
| **□** | **Unofficial High School Transcript** |
| **□** | **Applicant Headshot Photo** |

I certify that all the information included in this scholarship application is truthful and honest.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**The Puissance Scholarship Application**

**(*Please type, or write legibly in blue or black ink****)*

**Applicant General Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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High School: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*Name Address City State ZIP*

**Applicant Contact Information**

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Permanent mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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 *City State Zip*

**Applicant Academic Information**

Are you a first generation student college student? Circle one. Yes No

Please list your Major(s): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please list your HBCU: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Family Information**

Parent/Guardian\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*First Name Last Name Relationship*

**Resume**:Please provide a professional resume with this application. Resume should outline work experience, community service, and any extracurricular activities.

**Essay:** Please type your response to one of the following questions in 500 words or less on a separate sheet of paper.

1. Why did you choose your particular HBCU and what are your thoughts on their mission statement? What is the value of HBCUs in the 21st century?
2. Why leave NY? What motivates you to explore HBCUs and leave your comfort zone?
3. Please tell us about an HBCU graduate that has impacted your life or inspired you in some way