



## 2026 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CRITERIA

### Background

The National Council of Negro Women, Inc. was founded by educator and civil rights activist Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune on December 5, 1935. The Greater Pocono Section is pleased to offer our scholarship in honor of Dr. Bethune.

### Scholarship Details

- The Scholarship will be in the amount of \$800 for one chosen student.
- The Scholarship will be awarded once only.
- **Application deadline is Friday, April 3, 2026.**
- The awardee will be invited to attend a meeting on Saturday, June 13, 2026 to accept the scholarship award.
- The recipient must upload or add a photo with the application submission.

### Qualifications

- The scholarship awardee must meet the following criteria:
  - Be a female student of African descent
  - Be a senior at a public high school in Monroe or Pike County, Pennsylvania
  - Have a minimum 2.7 GPA
  - Be accepted to a college full-time in the Fall of 2026
  - Cannot be related to any current Greater Pocono Section members

### Process

- Applicant will complete all components and mail application and required documentation to:  
Greater Pocono Section  
National Council of Negro Women, Inc.  
62 Analomink Steet  
East Stroudsburg, PA 18301-9998

Or email all documents to:  
[GreaterPocononcnw@gmail.com](mailto:GreaterPocononcnw@gmail.com)  
Subject: College Planning 101  
Scholarship Application

Attention: College Planning 101

- Application will be judged by a panel of Greater Pocono Section College Planning 101 members.
- The winner will be notified by the Greater Pocono Section by Friday, May 1, 2026.
- The winner will be invited to attend a Greater Pocono Section meeting to be recognized.



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**DEADLINE: APRIL 3, 2026**

Please type or print information. If additional information is requested or more space is needed, information may be continued on additional sheets of paper and attached to the application.

### I. Applicant Information

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Parents or

Guardian(s) Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

School District \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

### II. Post Secondary School Data

*(Name of school for which financial aid is requested. If unknown, please list in order of preference where applications have been sent.)*

School \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

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Type of School:       4 Year University       Other \_\_\_\_\_

Attendance:       Full Time       Part Time or more       Other \_\_\_\_\_

I will live:       On Campus     Off Campus     Home with Parents     With Spouse

Major Course of Study \_\_\_\_\_ Minor Course of Study \_\_\_\_\_



**III. Work or Extra-Curricular Experience**

Describe your work and/or extra-curricular experience during the last 4 years. Attach a second sheet if necessary.

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**IV. Awards and Honors**

List all school and community awards or honors you have received during the last 4 years. Attach a second sheet if necessary.

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**V. Unusual Circumstances**

Please describe any family, personal or financial circumstances that you believe warrant special consideration. Examples would be financial hardship, disabilities, financial separation or unusual family responsibilities. Attach a second sheet if necessary.

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**VI. Transcript Information**

Please include your most recent available transcript. Please also include ACT and/or SAT scores, if available. (Due to the time allotted, screenshots are permissible).

**VII. References**

Applicant must provide the names of two references (a teacher and/or employer, pastor, coach etc. ) who will attest to the qualification for this scholarship.

Name\_\_\_\_\_Address\_\_\_\_\_Phone\_\_\_\_\_

Name\_\_\_\_\_Address\_\_\_\_\_Phone\_\_\_\_\_

**VIII. Essay**

Please submit an essay, on a separate sheet, between 500 and 1000 words on the subject: what attribute, quality or skill do you possess that distinguishes you from everyone else and how will you utilize this skill to achieve your future goals.

**IX. Certification**

By submitting this application, I certify that the information is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that falsification of information may result in disqualification from the application process and termination of any scholarship granted.

Applicants Signature\_\_\_\_\_Date\_\_\_\_\_

**Send completed application and required attachments  
to: Greater Pocono Section  
National Council of Negro Women, Inc.  
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East Stroudsburg, PA 18301  
Attention: College Planning 101 Scholarship**

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