December 2014

Dear Prospective Scholarship Applicant:

 The HBCU Council of Shiloh Baptist Church is pleased to make available the enclosed Application Packet for our various 2015 scholarships. The Council started eleven years ago with two $2,000 scholarships: the **Rev. Dr.** **Wallace Charles Smith HBCU Award**, based on academic excellence and the **HBCU Heritage Award**, based on academic performance and financial need. Since then, the Council has added seven additional scholarships and awards nearly $14,000 in scholastic awards.

 If you plan to or already attend a public or private Historically Black College or University, we invite you to apply for one or more of these awards by January 30, 2015. To find out more about the HBCU Council and our activities, please visit [www.hbcucouncil.com](http://www.hbcucouncil.com) for more information.

 Sincerely,

 Ayanna D. Hawkins

 Scholarship Chair

**General Criteria for all HBCU Council scholarships**

* Resident of the District of Columbia, Maryland (Prince George’s and Montgomery Counties), and Northern Virginia(City of Alexandria; Arlington and Fairfax Counties)
* Member of a church or community based organization
* Community Service (minimum of 40 hours)
* Two letters of recommendation (teacher/professor, guidance counselor/academic advisor, pastor, church official, or community organization) *~ one letter must be an academic reference*
* Official high school or college transcript
* Personal statement essay of 500-600 words (see specific topics for each award)
* Signed and completed Application, submitted by **January 30, 2015**

**Additional criteria for each scholarship:**

Rev. Dr. Wallace Charles Smith HBCU Scholarship - $2000

Incoming freshman

Minimum GPA of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale

Essay: “What do you believe are the benefits of attending an HBCU?”

HBCU Heritage Scholarship - $2000

Incoming freshman

Minimum GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale

Essay: “Explain why you believe HBCUs are still a necessary option for higher education.”

Most recent W-2 form provided by parent, guardian, or the student (if applicable) to verify financial need

Carolyn M. Harris HBCU Scholarship - $1000

Incoming freshman

Minimum GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale

Member of a musical ensemble (school chorus, church youth choir, instrumental ensemble, etc)

Intent to major in music education (vocal/instrumental), performance or applied

Letter of recommendation from a music instructor or mentor

Essay: “What has inspired you to pursue a career in music/music education?”

Michael Amos Engineering/Architecture Awards (2) - iPad

Incoming freshman

Minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale

Declared major in engineering or architecture

Letter of recommendation from a math or science instructor

Essay: “Describe your interest in pursuing a career in engineering or architecture.”

Evelyn Hider HBCU Scholarships (2) – $1000

Incoming freshman

Minimum GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale

Essay: “Highlight an HBCU graduate and explain how that person’s example has inspired you.”

Most recent W-2 form provided by parent, guardian, or the student (if applicable) to verify financial need

Evelyn Hider Continuing Education HBCU Scholarship - $3000

Prior recipient of an HBCU Council award currently enrolled as a Junior or Senior at an HBCU

Minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale

Essay: “Explain how your decision to attend an HBCU is preparing you for the future.”

Most recent W-2 form provided by parent, guardian, or the student (if applicable) to verify financial need

Sanford Booth, Sr. HBCU Scholarship - $2500

Incoming freshman at an HBCU in the State of Maryland

Minimum GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale

Essay: “Highlight a person, a unique experience, a significant achievement, or a challenge you faced that influenced your decision to attend college.”

Most recent W-2 form provided by parent, guardian, or the student (if applicable) to verify financial need

Your application is considered complete when we receive: (1) two Letters of recommendation; (2) your Official High School or College transcript; (3) Essay; and (4) W-2 forms (where applicable). You may apply for more than one scholarship using the same application form and supporting documents provided that you submit the appropriate essay for each scholarship. You should include these items with your submission, or have them sent directly to the Scholarship Committee by January 30, 2015. Your application will not be reviewed if there are any missing items. Mail your application to:

HBCU Council Scholarship Committee

c/o Shiloh Baptist Church

1500 Ninth Street, NW

Washington, DC 20001

If there are any questions, please email the HBCU Council at hbcucouncil@gmail.com or use the contact form on the Council website.

**Please print (blue ink) or type this application. Check the scholarship(s) to which you are applying:**

* **Rev. Dr. Wallace Charles Smith Scholarship**
* **HBCU Heritage Scholarship**
* **Carolyn M. Harris HBCU Scholarship**
* **Michael Amos Engineering/Architecture Award**
* **Evelyn Hider HBCU Scholarship**
* **Evelyn Hider HBCU Continuing Education**
* **Sanford Booth, Sr. HBCU Scholarship**

**Personal Information**

1. Name
2. Home Address
3. Phone number
4. E-mail
5. Parent/Guardian Name(s)

**Academic Information**

1. School Name
2. Address of school
3. Intended/Current Major
4. Extra-curricular Activities
5. Honors/Awards
6. Cumulative High School/College GPA
7. Past recipient of an HBCU Council Scholarship 🗖 yes (please skip ahead to question 15)

 🗖 no (please answer questions 13 and 14)

1. Schools applied to
2. Schools accepted to
3. HBCU Council Scholarship received (include year)

**Church/Community Involvement**

1. Name of church and/or community based organization(s)

18. Number of community service hours

19. Signature of supervisor/guidance counselor (to verify hours)

**For HBCU Heritage, Hider and Booth Scholarship Applicants Only**

20. Total household income

21. Number of family dependents

22. Number of siblings in college

23. I certify that to the best of my knowledge that the above information is correct and complete.

(Signature of Applicant)