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RESOURCE GUIDE



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## Congressional Black Caucus Spouses Scholarship Program 2007 Student Application Guidelines

### Who are the CBC Spouses?

The Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) Spouses organization is a component of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation Inc, a 501(c)(3) non-partisan, tax-exempt organization committed to public policy, research, education, and leadership development. The CBC Spouses founders envisioned a mission to assist the youth of today, while helping to prepare the next generation of leaders. Since 1988, the CBC Spouses have dedicated their time and talents to fulfill their mission by establishing programs which support the educational endeavors of students throughout the nation.

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### I. Types of Scholarships

- A. General Education (amount to be determined)
- B. Cheerios Brand Health Initiative-each district is awarded \$1,800.00
- C. Performing Arts- 10 students are selected, \$3,000.00 each
- D. Visual Arts-amount of scholarship contingent on money raised

### II. Eligibility Requirements

- A. A completed CBC Spouses Scholarship Application.
- B. A sealed, official high school or college transcript.
- C. A personal statement from the student (500 words or more) describing the student's interests, involvement in school activities, community and public service, hobbies, special talents, sports and other highlighted areas. The personal statement must also address the student's future academic and professional career plans.
- D. Two letters of recommendation. One recommendation should come from a community or public service leader (i.e. church leader, community leader).
- E. A recent professional photograph (to be used in future CBC Spouses publications).
- F. All applicants must reside or attend school in a congressional district represented by a CBC Member.
- G. If the student is applying for the CBC Spouses Performing Arts or Visual Arts Scholarship, he/she must also submit a video, CD, or DVD recording of one of their performances or 10-15 photographs of their artwork (visual arts candidates only). (THE APPLICANT MUST PROVIDE THE RELEVANT VIDEO RECORDING OR PHOTOGRAPH TO BE ELIGIBLE)

### III. Selection Process

Local Scholarship Committee- A local scholarship selection committee must be appointed by the CBC Member and/or Spouse to administer the General Education and Cheerios Brand Health Initiative scholarships at the local level. The committee should be comprised of local dignitaries, community leaders, educators and/or church groups. No one having a professional affiliation with the Member can serve on the committee.

The Performing Arts and Visual Arts Scholarships are selected by the CBC Spouses Performing/Visual Arts Selection Committee.

### IV. How students should apply

#### General Education and Cheerios Brand Health Initiative

Applications must be sent to the Members' district offices along with the required documentation. Please do not send any award letters to successful applicants until you have received written confirmation from the CBC Spouses Office stating that checks will be sent.

#### Performing Arts and Visual Arts Scholarships

Applications must be sent directly to the CBC Spouses' office by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Please address as follows: CBC Spouses, Attn: Performing Arts and Visual Arts Scholarship, 1720 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20036.





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### V. Certification

Each scholarship coordinator is required to sign the scholarship certification form certifying that the scholarship policies and procedures have been followed and that all the documents supporting the application have been verified.

### VI. Local Scholarship Committee's Submission

Before submitting the names of selected applicants to the CBC Spouses Office, be sure to include:

1. **The Scholarship Certification Form** for each applicant indicating the name and address of the institution that the applicant will be attending.
2. **The Application Confirmation Form** including all applicants' awarded information.

\*\* All scholarship applications and related materials must be turned into the CBC Spouses Office by 12 noon **May 30, 2007**.

### What are the Scholarship Programs?

The **CBC Spouses Education Scholarship** was established in response to federal cuts in spending for education programs and scholarships. This is the foundation's first educational program. The CBC Spouses Educational Scholarship is a national program that awards scholarships to academically talented and highly motivated students who intend to pursue full-time undergraduate, graduate or doctoral degrees. The Educational Scholarship Fund was established in 1988 and has experienced substantial growth. Since its inception, it has disbursed more than \$8 million in education and health scholarships.

The **CBC Spouses Cheerios Brand Health Initiative Scholarship** was established in 1998 to provide financial assistance to undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral students pursuing careers in a health-related profession. Since the inception of the program, General Mills has invested more than \$1,000,000 to underwrite this initiative.

The **CBC Spouses Performing Arts Scholarship** was established in 2000 as a partnership between the CBC Spouses and Heineken USA. This program was developed in honor of the late Curtis Mayfield to ensure students pursuing a career in the performing arts receive the financial assistance to achieve their goals. The CBC Spouses Performing Arts Scholarship is highly competitive. Only ten \$3,000 scholarships are awarded annually to students who exhibit exceptional skills in the performing arts.

The **CBC Spouses Visual Arts Scholarship** was established in 2006 for students who are pursuing a career in the visual arts. Five students will receive an award of \$3,000 each.

### How do I apply?

Applications are available on the CBCF website at [www.cbcfinc.org](http://www.cbcfinc.org). Students should be encouraged to download the application off the website. Applications should also be available at all of the CBC Member offices.





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All applications for CBC Spouses Scholarships must include:

- A completed CBC Spouses Education Scholarship Application.
- A sealed official high school or college transcript with the application.
- A personal statement essay from the student (500 words or more) describing the student's future academic and professional career plans. The personal statement must also address the student's interests, involvement in school activities, community and public service, hobbies, special talents, sports and other highlight areas.
- Two letters of recommendation. One recommendation should come from a community or public service leader (i.e. church leader, community leader).
- If a high school senior, an acceptance letter from the college where the student will enroll in the fall of 2006.
- A recent photograph suitable for publication; i.e., a cap and gown picture, or other professional quality and professionally dressed photograph.
- If the student is applying for the CBC Spouses Performing Arts or Visual Arts Scholarship, he/she must also submit a video, DVD or CD recording of one of their performances or 10-15 photographs of their artwork (Visual Arts applicants only). (THE APPLICANT MUST PROVIDE A VISUAL RECORDING TO BE ELIGIBLE)

Students applying for **General Education and Cheerios Brand Health Initiative Scholarships** must submit their completed applications and all supporting materials to their CBC Member's Local Scholarship Selection Committee by **May 1, 2007**.

Students applying for **Performing or Visual Arts Scholarships** must submit their completed applications and all supporting materials to the CBC Spouses' office by **May 1, 2007**.

### What is the application process for previous scholarship recipients?

Applicants who have previously received a CBC Spouses Scholarship must complete the application and provide a sealed, official copy of their most recent transcripts.

Past recipients **do not** have to submit letters of recommendations, essays or any other attachments that were previously submitted.

### What are the eligibility requirements?

The CBC Spouses program seeks to identify students who will make significant contributions to their communities. Applicants must meet the following requirements in order to be eligible for the CBC Spouses Scholarship Programs:

- High school seniors who intend to pursue undergraduate degrees full-time or current full-time students in good academic standing at an accredited college or university.





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- Applicants must have a minimum 2.5 GPA, exhibit leadership ability, and participate in community service activities.
- All applicants must reside or attend a college/university in a congressional district represented by a Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) Member.

Upon approval and certification by the Local Scholarship Selection Committee, each recipient will receive a monetary award designated for tuition, fees, books, room and board, computers, health insurance, general living expenses and other college-related expenses. The monetary award is determined by the CBC Spouses member, the CBC Member, the Local Scholarship Selection Committee, the Scholarship Coordinator, or a combination thereof.

### What are the additional eligibility requirements for the CBC Spouses Performing Arts and Visual Arts Scholarships?

In addition to meeting all of the eligibility requirements listed above, the recipients of the CBC Spouses Performing Arts and Visual Arts Scholarships must also include a video, CD, or DVD recording of a recent performance, or a photograph of their artwork. Applications and videos, CDs, DVDs, or photographs must be submitted to the Congressional Black Caucus Spouses' office for review.

The **performing arts** include theater, film, drama, comedy, music, dance, opera, magic, as well as marching bands and other musical ensembles. Artists who participate in these art forms are considered to be performers—including actors, comedians, singers, dancers, and musicians. The **visual arts** include painting, drawing, fine art, graphic art, and sculpture.

The selection process for the CBC Spouses Performing Arts and Visual Arts Scholarships consists of three stages.

1. The applicant must mail his or her application to the CBC Spouses Office by May 1<sup>st</sup>. The mailing address is as follows: **CBC Spouses, Attn: Performing and Visual Arts Scholarship, 1720 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20036.**
2. The CBC Spouses Performing/ Visual Arts Selection Committee will review the applications with accompanying materials. Please make sure your visual presentation best represents you and your work.
3. Ten students will be awarded the CBC Spouses Performing Arts Scholarship. Winners will be announced by the CBC Spouses Office in June. Recipients will receive an award letter and have their names featured on the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's website and in other CBCF marketing material.

The Congressional Black Caucus Spouses (CBC) Education Scholarship Program is an equal opportunity scholarship provider, which considers all applicants solely on the basis of qualifications and ability without regard to race, religion, color, sex, age, national origin, disability or even veteran status. Employees and/or relatives of CBC Members, CBC Spouses, the CBC Foundation, the Board of Directors, the Corporate Advisory Council, General Mills Inc. and Heineken USA are ineligible for the scholarship program. Visual presentations are kept on file for up to two years. Visual presentations may be used for CBC Spouses Scholarship Program marketing campaigns.







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### How can I determine if I live or attend school in a CBC Member's district?

To verify whether your residential address or school address is located in a CBC Member Congressional District, please visit the following websites:

- [www.cbcfinc.org](http://www.cbcfinc.org)
- [www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov)
- [www.senate.gov](http://www.senate.gov)

Students are encouraged visit the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's website at [www.cbcfinc.org](http://www.cbcfinc.org) to download the scholarship application form and learn more about the CBC Spouses Scholarship Program.

### What are the Local Scholarship Selection Committees?

A Local Scholarship Selection Committee is appointed by the CBC Member and/or Spouse and administers the CBC Spouses Scholarship Program at the local level. The Local Scholarship Selection Committee reviews all completed applications and selects candidates for the education and the health scholarship programs.

### Who is the district contact?

In addition to the Local Scholarship Selection Committee, each district should have an agent responsible for scholarship administration at the district level. This agent should be the point of contact for communication between the CBC Spouses office and the CBC Member offices. The district agent should also be the primary contact between scholarship applicants and the CBC offices.

### What is the application deadline?

#### General Education/Cheerios Brand Health Initiative Scholarship Applications

The application deadline is May 1<sup>st</sup> of each calendar year for applicants.

All applications must be postmarked by May 1<sup>st</sup> and submitted to the Local Scholarship Selection Committees. Applications received with postmarks after May 1<sup>st</sup> will not be accepted.

Note: Do not send your General Education or Cheerios Brand Health Initiative scholarship application to the CBC Spouses' office. Please forward your application to the appropriate Local Scholarship Selection Committee.





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### Performing Arts/Visual Arts Scholarship Applications

The application deadline is May 1<sup>st</sup> of each calendar year for applicants.

All applications must be postmarked by May 1<sup>st</sup> and submitted to the CBC Spouses' office directly. Applications received with postmarks after May 1<sup>st</sup> will not be accepted.

### When should the Local Scholarship Selection Committee forward the names of the selected candidates to the CBC Spouses' office?

The Local Scholarship Selection Committee must forward the names of the selected candidates, along with all related materials to the CBC Spouses' office by 12:00 noon on **May 30, 2007**.

### Where should I send my completed application and supporting materials?

Applications for **General Education** and **Cheerios Brand Health Initiative** scholarships must be forwarded to the CBC Member's district office.

Applications for **Performing Arts** and **Visual Arts** scholarships must be forwarded to the CBC Spouses, **Attn: Performing Arts and Visual Arts Scholarship**, 1720 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20036.

