



**Official Application for the 2023
Karen L. Williams Hillcrest Community Civic
Association (HCCA) Scholarship**

The Hillcrest Community Civic Association (HCCA) is pleased to announce that it will award one \$2,000 scholarship to a graduating senior from the Hillcrest community.

Please answer all questions and ensure all six sections of the application, including your signature, are complete. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Applications must be emailed to: malikafair@gmail.com
Hillcrest Community Civic Association
Scholarship Committee

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 26, 2023

Finalists may be called for a zoom interview in June 2023.

The winners will be announced in July and scholarships awarded during a monthly virtual Hillcrest Community Civic Association meeting.

I. PERSONAL INFORMATION

NAME _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____
First MI Last

HOME ADDRESS _____ TELEPHONE NO. _____

CITY _____ ZIP CODE _____

GENDER _____ EMAIL ADDRESS _____

ARE YOU THE FIRST IN YOUR FAMILY TO ATTEND COLLEGE? [select one] ____ Yes ____ No

CURRENT SCHOOL NAME _____

CURRENT SCHOOL ADDRESS _____
Street City/State Zip Code

GRADUATION DATE _____ GRADE POINT AVERAGE _____



EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (School, Community, Church)*

HONORS/AWARDS* _____

UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE(S) TO WHICH YOU HAVE APPLIED*

UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE(S) TO WHICH YOU HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED**

INTENDED FIELD OF STUDY _____

*If desired, attach a separate piece of paper with additional information.

** Proof of acceptance is required before disbursement of funds

II. Scholarship Description

Karen L. Williams Hillcrest Community Civic Association (HCCA) Scholarship

The Hillcrest Community Civic Association (HCCA) Scholarship was renamed in 2023 to honor the late Karen L. Williams, a former and longtime serving and beloved president of HCCA, neighbor and friend. Mrs. Williams was a former District of Columbia State Board of Education representative and was committed to excellent and accessible education for all DC students and especially those living in Hillcrest. The HCCA will award a minimum of one scholarship to a graduating senior from Hillcrest who has demonstrated academic excellence, leadership and service to the DC community.

Please check all that apply:

My household is a member of the Hillcrest Community Civic Association

I live within the Hillcrest Neighborhood**



III. ESSAYS FOR KAREN L. WILLIAMS HCCA SCHOLARSHIP

Directions: On a separate page, please attach the following essays.

- 1) Describe how you have made a difference as a leader in your community (school, neighborhood etc). (Limit 500 words)
- 2) Describe your future goals and how you plan to make a difference while attending college and beyond.(Limit 500 words)
- 3) Optional Essay: Briefly describe your financial need for this scholarship. (Limit 250 words)

IV. HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE TRANSCRIPT (As of January 2023)

V. COPY OF COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE LETTER

VI. LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Please submit one (1) letter of recommendation. The letter should provide additional information about the applicant’s abilities, contributions, and character. Letter should be from the following:

- School or university administrator, counselor, or teacher
- Other (e.g., employer, minister, coach, community leader, or family friend)

All letters must be postmarked or emailed before the application due date (May 26, 2023)

VII. Signature _____ Date _____



Award decisions are made without regard to race, ethnicity, ability status, gender, and/or sexual orientation.

SCHOLARSHIP PROCEDURES AND CRITERIA

1. **The Karen L. Williams HCCA Scholarship will be in the amount of \$2,000 and will be open to graduating seniors.** Applicants for this scholarship MUST reside in a household that is a member of HCCA and be a resident of the Hillcrest community***.
2. The Scholarship Selection Committee will select scholarship recipients after all candidates have been screened. The Selection Committee will evaluate completed applications on the following criteria:
 - a) evidence of community impact (school, neighborhood or the District of Columbia)
 - b) evidence of clear future goals
 - c) evidence of a stable or improving GPA, and
 - d) well-written essays.
3. Candidates for the scholarship awards must meet the following criteria:
 - have a high-school/college grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or better on a 4.0 scale
 - have permanent residence in the District of Columbia (at the time of graduation from high school)
 - have submitted one (1) letter of recommendation
 - have been accepted to an accredited two or four-year institution of higher learning for the next school year, and pursuing an associate's or bachelor's degree (proof of acceptance is required before disbursement of funds)
 - have submitted an official school transcript that has been updated as of January 2023.
4. The scholarship shall be limited to students attending "educational institutions" as defined in the U.S. Tax Code.
5. Applicants who wish to also be considered for the Yantee Neufville Hillcrest Memorial Scholarship may include Essay #1 from the Neufville Memorial application to be included with the Karen L. Williams HCCA Scholarship Application.
6. Disbursement(s) will be made to the student upon confirmation of enrollment in a qualifying college or university. **Checks will be made payable to the student and should be applied to the recipient's legitimate college costs, e.g., books, room and board, or tuition.** If the student withdraws from school or is found to have misused the funds, the scholarship will be terminated.

** Hillcrest consists of the intersection at 31st Street, SE and Pennsylvania Avenue, extending southeastward along Pennsylvania Avenue SE to the intersection at Pennsylvania Avenue, SE and the District of Columbia boundary line (at Southern Avenue, SE); extending southwestward along that District Line to the intersection at that line with Naylor Road, SE; extending northward along Naylor Road, SE to the intersection at Naylor Road, SE with 27th Street, SE; from thence in a straight line running eastward through the park to reach the upper point of 31st Street, SE and then following 31st Street, SE northward to the original intersection of 31st Street SE and Pennsylvania Avenue, SE.