



National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice
The Criminal Justice Solutions Organization
“Committed To Justice For All”

Application Criteria for the
National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice
Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Award

The National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice (NABCJ) will award a scholarship to an individual who demonstrates academic excellence and financial need. This scholarship award is presented annually at NABCJ’s Annual Conference and Training Institute. The scholarship recipient is encouraged to attend the National Conference usually held in July. The purpose of the Scholarship is to offer deserving students financial assistance in continuing their education in the criminal justice field.

The scholarship is awarded to the candidate who maintains good scholastic standing, exhibits financial need, participates in volunteer service, and plans to pursue a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice or a closely related criminal justice field. The amount of the scholarship is \$3,500.00.

I. Academic Criteria

The successful candidate demonstrates superior achievement in past educational accomplishment activities and has been accepted in a Criminal Justice undergraduate program.

- A. Candidate has maintained the equivalent of a “B” average.
- B. Candidate has been accepted or is currently enrolled in an undergraduate degree program in Criminal Justice that will start the fall after receipt of the scholarship.
- C. The Candidate must submit a 1,000-word essay on why they are pursuing a career in Criminal Justice and why they are seeking the scholarship.
- D. Candidates must provide a high school/current transcript supporting the reported GPA (grade point average) and must also include a copy of acceptance letter from University of College where accepted.



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II. Financial Criteria

A successful candidate will demonstrate need based on hardship or lack of opportunity to accumulate supplemental financial funds for the candidate’s education.

- A. Specific criteria for demonstrating financial need are: Emancipated Youth will submit a statement explaining prior financial planning for the candidate’s education.
- B. A statement will be submitted by the candidate’s parent or the legal guardian that describes the present need for financial assistance.
- C. Supportive documentation must be at least one (1) or more of the following provided by the student and/or the parent: **Current W-2 form, Form 1040, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), and/or Financial Aid.**

III. Volunteer Service

Candidates must provide documentation of community/volunteer service.

*****Incomplete Applications will not be considered**

*****Please Note: Candidates who complete an application, but are not awarded the Thurgood Marshall Scholarship, may be considered for the NABCJ’s Anthony Wiley Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.**

Applications must be completed by March 1st of each year

Please complete the application using the following link: _____