



**CARL T. ROWAN CHAPTER
BLACKS IN GOVERNMENT
EVANGELINE J. MONTGOMERY SCHOLARSHIP
POST OFFICE BOX 44714
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20026**

March 7, 2016

ATTENTION: HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE COUNSELOR OR SCHOOL PRINCIPAL:

URGENT ACTION REQUESTED

The Carl T. Rowan Chapter of Blacks In Government (BIG) Chapter is accepting applications from high school students who will be graduating in spring 2016 for our Evangeline J. Montgomery scholarship program. The Evangeline J. Montgomery Scholarship Program was established in 2005 and to date has awarded over \$40,000 in academic scholarships. We would like your school to participate and would be honored if you would give this information to your students. The Chapter will award up to ten \$1,000 scholarships. A complete application package is enclosed. For additional information please contact Diane Watson Chair, Scholarship Committee Chair at 202-632-9945, or watsondx@state.gov . **Applications must be postmarked by April 16, 2016.**

The Blacks In Government (BIG) national organization was organized in 1975 and incorporated in 1976 as a non-profit employee support, advocacy and resource organization for civil servants at the federal, state, and local levels. The BIG national organization consists of 11 regions. The Carl T. Rowan Chapter is one of over 50 chapters in Region XI located at the Department of State. For additional information, please visit our chapter website at www.bigctr.org or BIG's national BIG's website at www.bignet.org.

Thanks for thinking BIG!



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BLACKS IN GOVERNMENT
REGION XI**

**EVANGELINE J. MONTGOMERY
SCHOLARSHIP**

**2016
HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION**

**Carl T. Rowan Chapter
Blacks In Government
Evangeline J. Montgomery Scholarship Program**

The Carl T. Rowan Chapter of Blacks in Government, a non-profit organization, is accepting applications from 2016 high school seniors who are graduating and continuing their education. A complete application package must be postmarked by **April 16, 2016**. The package must consist of the following: 1) **a completed scholarship application form**, 2) **a written essay (250-500 words)**, 3) **an official school transcript (2.75 or better GPA)**, 4) **a completed certification of academic standing**, 5) **a letter of recommendation (no more than 2)**, 6) **and a recent color photograph**. Please note: If any of the aforementioned required elements are not submitted by the deadline, the application will be disqualified.

Upon selection, it is requested that the recipient(s) or a designee(s) of the recipient(s) attend the Annual Scholarship Banquet by which the recipient(s) will be honored and the awards presented. During the banquet, the recipient or designee will be asked to read their award winning essay. The Scholarship banquet will be held during the mid to late summer months. Additional details will be provided to the award recipient(s) or designee(s) once selections are made.

CRITERIA

- Applicant must be graduating from an accredited secondary educational institution or graduating with a GED.
- Applicant must be accepted for admission to at least one accredited institution of higher learning or trade school for the fall 2016-2017 school term.
- Applicant must provide official school transcript or GED diploma. (2.75 or better GPA).
- Applicant must provide a letter of recommendation from non-family members (no more than 2).
- Applicant must reside within a 50-mile radius of Washington, DC.

QUALIFYING COMPETITIVE FACTORS

Applicants must submit a written essay on one of the following topics:

1. My chosen field of study is.... because.....
2. Who inspired me the most to attend college
3. Why is it important for me to further my education

Failure to address one of the aforementioned topics will result in disqualification. The essay should be 250-500 words, typed, Times New Roman font type, 12-point font size and double-spaced. Essays will be rated on content, grammar, organization and originality.

To receive a written notification of the status of your application or to have photograph returned, please enclose a self- addressed, stamped envelope. For additional information contact: Diane Watson, Scholarship Committee Chair at watsondx@state.gov or 202-632-9945.

APPLICATIONS POSTMARKED AFTER APRIL 16, 2016 WILL BE INELIGIBLE.

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(Type or Print Clearly)

Applicant's Name: _____

Applicant's Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Applicant's Gender: ☐ Female ☐ Male

Applicant's Date of Birth: _____

Parent's/Guardian's Name: _____

Applicant's e-mail Address: _____

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

School Phone Number: Area Code () _____

Principal or School Counselor/Administrator's Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

College/University Applied for Admission 2016: _____
(A letter of acceptance from the institution must be submitted before the scholarship is awarded)

College Major: _____

Honors/Awards: _____

Affiliations: _____

Community Service: _____

Are you or one of your parents a member of Blacks in Government? _____

If yes, Member's Name, telephone number and Chapter Name: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's/Guardian's Signature: _____ (Required if applicant is under 18 years old)

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CERTIFICATION OF ACADEMIC STANDING

Student's Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

School Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Student Identification Number: _____

Is officially enrolled for the 2015-2016 academic term: _____

Has a cumulative Grade Point Average of: _____

Has an anticipated graduation date of: _____

Other comments: _____

Signed by: _____ Date: _____
(Principal or School Counselor/Administrator)

2016 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

- ☐ Completed scholarship application form (all questions
Must be answered completely)
- ☐ Essay (250-500 words, typed and double spaced)
- ☐ Certificate of academic standing form
- ☐ Copy of official school transcript or GED diploma
- ☐ A recent color photograph (please include a self-addressed, stamped
envelope if you would like the photograph returned)
- ☐ Letter of recommendation
- ☐ Application must be postmarked or e-mailed by **April 16, 2016**

**Note: Any missing checklist items not submitted by the deadline
will automatically disqualify the application.**

**Upon selection it is requested that the recipient(s) or a designee(s) of
the recipient(s) attend the Annual Scholarship Banquet**

Submit complete application to:

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Evangeline J. Montgomery Scholarship
ATTN: SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20026
Or e-mail**

BIGCTR@state.gov - (please upload all required documents)

Disclaimer: Non selected applications will be shredded after 12 months.