



National Hook-Up of Black Women, Inc.

Advocates for Women and Their Families
JOLIET Chapter

Greetings Continuing/Returning College Students,

National Hook-Up of Black Women, Inc. Scholarship Program

The National Hook-Up of Black Women (NHBW) Inc. is a non-profit 501c3 organization founded in 1974. NHBW, Inc. works to improve the quality of life, facilitate preservation, achieve self-empowerment, and promote economic development. Membership reflects a diversity of women from varied business, professional and community disciplines crossing all economic, social, and educational levels.

The Joliet Chapter was established in October 1991. Each year NHBW, Joliet Chapter awards scholarships up to \$1,000 to current college students who have demonstrated academic excellence and service to their community.

Silver Cross Healthy Community Commission Scholarship Program

Since 2008, the Silver Cross Healthy Community Commission (SCHCC) Scholarship Program has provided over 2.15 million dollars in scholarships and grants to create a stronger, healthier future for the residents of the eastside of Joliet. (Only students who live in zip codes: **60432, 60433, 60436, and Lockport Grade School District #89 60441** are eligible for this SCHCC Scholarship).

Continuing /Returning College Students Requirements

- Applicants must be a full time continuing or returning college student at the time of applying for the scholarship.
- Applicants must be enrolled in either a two- or four-year accredited educational institution.
- Applicant must be in good academic standing with a GPA of 2.75 or higher.
- Applicants must agree to use scholarship funds only for educational purposes.
- Only students who live in zip codes **60432, 60433, 60436, and Lockport Grade School District #89 60441** are eligible for SCHCC Scholarship.
- Only students who are residents of Will County are eligible for the NHBW scholarship.
- Students may only apply for one scholarship: SCHCC or NHBW.

Continuing/College Application Process (Deadline Extended: Friday, April 17, 2026)

- Applicants must complete all sections of the application.
- A sealed **Official Transcript** from the college/university must accompany the application.
- **Include a color photo of yourself with the application.** Applications missing photo will be considered incomplete and will not be processed.
- **One letter of recommendation** is required from a school official or a community leader.
- **Review entire application carefully before submitting to ensure all sections are complete and accurate.**

2026 Continuing/Returning College Scholarship Application

Please type or print legibly all required information:

A.	Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____
B.	Current Mailing Address: City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
C.	Current Cell Phone Number: _____ Current Email Address (Print Legibly): _____
D.	Current College Attending: _____ Expected graduation date: _____ Associate _____ Bachelor _____ Masters _____ Postgraduate _____ Major: _____ Minor : _____
E.	Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA): _____ (Your most recent OFFICIAL COLLEGE TRANSCRIPT is required.)
F.	Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____ Cell phone number: _____
G.	On a separate sheet of paper, please list any college, community, or volunteer activities in which you have participated.
H.	Were you a scholarship recipient last year: NHBW: Yes _____ No _____ SCHCC: Yes _____ No _____

I.	Submit <u>one letter</u> of recommendation from a school official or a community leader.
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I verify all information on this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant (Please Print): _____

Applicant Signature: _____

Date Submitted: _____

Application Extended: Friday, April 17, 2026

All completed information must be postmarked by the date listed above. Applications received and/or postmarked after this date will be declined.

Please visit our website: www.nhbwjoliet.com

Mail completed applications to:

National Hook-Up of Black Women, Inc. Joliet Chapter
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