



National Hook-Up of Black Women, Inc.

Advocates for Women and Their Families

JOLIET Chapter

Greetings High School Seniors,

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

The National Hook-Up of Black Women, 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.

Silver Cross Healthy Community Commission (SCHCC) Scholarship Program

Since 2008, the Silver Cross Healthy Community Commission Scholarship Program has supplied 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).

Senior High School Eligibility Requirements

- Applicants must be a college-bound high school senior at the time of applying for the application.
- Applicants must be enrolled as a full-time student in a two- or four-year accredited program, college, or university by the **Fall of 2026**.
- Applicants must be in good academic standing with a GPA of 2.5 or higher.
- Applicants agrees to use the scholarship funds only for educational expenses.
- Only students who live in zip codes: **60432, 60433, 60436**, and Lockport Grade School District #89 **60441** are eligible for this SCHCC Scholarship.
- Only students who are residents of WILL COUNTY are eligible for the NHBW Scholarship.
- Students may only apply for one of these scholarships: SCHCC or NHBW

Senior High School Application Process (Deadline Extended: Friday, April 17, 2026)

- Applicants must complete all sections of the application (this includes the three-hundred-word essay).
- Include a separate SEALED OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT from the high school with 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 high school official or one from a community leader.
- Include a typed 300-word essay explaining your career goal and how this scholarship will impact your post-secondary plans.
- **Review entire application carefully before submitting to ensure all sections are complete and accurate.**

2025 High School Senior Scholarship Application

**Please type or print and complete all required information.*

A.	Last Name: _____ First Name: _____
B.	Mailing Address: City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
	Cell Phone Number: Current Email Address (Print Legibly):
D.	Current High School Attending: Expected graduation date:
E.	Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) _____ (On a 4.0 Scale) (Your most recent OFFICIAL HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT is required.)
F.	Parent/Guardian Name(s): Cell Phone Number:
G.	On a separate sheet of paper, please answer all required information listed below: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. List any academic honors, awards, and membership activities while in high school.2. List hobbies, outside interests, extracurricular activities, clubs, etc.3. List any community and/or volunteer work.
H.	Indicate the college or university you plan to attend in the fall. If unsure, please list your second choice. 1st Choice: 2nd Choice: Major: _____ Minor: _____

I.	Submit a <u>letter</u> of recommendation one from a school official or a community leader.
J.	<p>300 Word Essay</p> <p>NHBW, Inc. works throughout the year to assist students in attaining their personal goals. Describe your goals for the future and how this scholarship will assist you in accomplishing those goals.</p> <p><u>Please place your Essay on a separate sheet of paper.</u></p>

I verify all information on this application is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant (Please Print) _____

Applicant Signature _____

Date Submitted _____

Please Note

The National Hook-Up of Black Women, Inc., Joliet Chapter continues annually to raise money to support the Scholarship Program. This goal is achieved through fundraising, private donations and/or corporate support. NHBW Joliet awards scholarships annually to students who prove interest, consistent good academic performance, and community service.

Application Deadline: Friday, April 17, 2026

Please be sure that all areas (A-J) have been completed. The application must be postmarked by the date above. Applications received after the postmarked date will be declined.

Please visit our website: www.nhbwjoliet.com

Mail completed applications to:

National Hook-Up of Black Women, Inc. Joliet Chapter
 Ms. Ardith Neal, Scholarship Chairperson
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 Joliet, Illinois 60434