



# 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: Monday, March 23, 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.*

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

<b>I.</b>	<b>Submit a <u>letter</u> of recommendation one from a school official or a community leader.</b>
<b>J.</b>	<b>300 Word Essay</b>  <b>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.</b>  <u><i>Please place your Essay on a separate sheet of paper.</i></u>

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: Monday, March 23, 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](http://www.nhbwjoliet.com)

Mail completed applications to:

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