

2021 CGCS-Bernard Harris Math and Science Scholarship Program



Application Guidelines

Scholarships awarded in June 2021

For questions, please visit: <https://www.cgcs.org/Scholarships>
or email tharris@cgcs.org

Deadline to apply is May 4, 2021



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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Council of the Great City Schools and Dr. Bernard Harris strongly believe that education is key to progress, development and economic growth in our country. Together, they have developed a partnership to increase awareness about the need for more math and science graduates, especially among underrepresented populations. This scholarship is part of their efforts to support students of color who plan to pursue math- and science- related degrees.

Four scholarships for two boys and two girls, with a value of \$5,000 each, will be awarded in June 2021 to two Black and two Hispanic students currently completing their senior year of high school in a member district of the Council of the Great City Schools (see list of member districts on left). Applicants must be accepted for full-time enrollment at a four-year college or university in the next academic year and pursuing a degree in Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics (STEM).

The scholarships, named in recognition of Dr. Bernard A. Harris, Jr., serve underrepresented students pursuing careers in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. As a former astronaut, physician and businessman, Dr. Harris is an outstanding role model dedicated to serving as a mentor to the scholarship recipients.

Applications will be reviewed by a committee appointed by the Council of the Great City Schools. Recipients will be selected by Dr. Harris and notified in June. The scholarship will be paid to the university of the recipient's choice and can be applied to tuition and related expenses during the 2021-2022 academic school year.

PROGRAM GUIDELINES

To apply for the 2021 scholarship, this application must be submitted online by May 4, 2021. Click [here](#) to apply or go to: https://cgcs.smapply.org/prog/cgcs_bernard_harris_scholarship/

Applications should include evidence of the applicant's academic achievement in high school, leadership skills or community service in the area of Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics and the applicant's commitment to pursue a career in a STEM field. To be eligible for the scholarship, the applicant must have a minimum 3.0 unweighted grade point average and have been accepted as a full-time student at a four-year institution of higher education.

Applicants will have to submit a list of STEM courses taken, two one-page essays, a high school transcript and have two people complete a short recommendation form.

No person may receive more than one award administered by the Council of the Great City Schools in the same academic year. Employees or immediate family members of The Harris Foundation or the Council of the Great City Schools are not eligible to apply for these scholarships.

***All applicants must attend a public school in a Council of the Great City Schools district. Go to: www.cgcs.org/domain/57 to find the list of CGCS districts. (Students in Toronto are not eligible).**

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2021 Partners



The Harris Institute is a 501 (c) (3), non-profit organization founded by former NASA Astronaut Dr. Bernard A. Harris, Jr., to serve socially and economically disadvantaged communities locally and across the nation striving to reach the most underserved populations in the areas of **Education, Health, and Wealth**. The institute supports programs that empower individuals, in particular minorities and economically and/ or socially disadvantaged, to recognize their potential and pursue

their dreams. The education mission of The Harris Institute is to enable youth to develop and achieve their full potential through the support of social, recreational and educational programs. The Harris Institute believes students can be prepared now for the careers of the future through a structured education program and the use of positive role models. More than 50,000 students have participated and benefited from THI programs.

www.theharrisinstitute.org



The Council of the Great City Schools is the only national organization exclusively representing the needs of urban public schools, and is based in Washington, D.C. Composed of 77 large city districts, its mission is to promote the cause of urban schools and to advocate for the inner-city students through legislation, research and media relations. The organization also provides a network for school districts sharing common problems to exchange information, and to collectively address new challenges as they emerge in order to deliver the best possible education for urban youth. www.cgcs.org

CGCS-Bernard Harris Math and Science Scholarship Recipients



“This scholarship means a great deal to me and it significantly helps my family and me towards my college expenses.”

Eliska Peacock is a graduate of the District of Columbia Public Schools and received a CGCS-Bernard Harris Math and Science Scholarship in 2020. She is studying computer science at Stanford University in California.



“This scholarship helped me tremendously and I am very grateful to have received it.”

Ruben Marroquin is a graduate of the Houston Independent School District and received a CGCS-Bernard Harris Math and Science Scholarship in 2019. He is studying electrical and computer engineering at Rice University in Texas.