



2014-2015 Black/Hispanic Alumni Association (BHAA) Scholarship Requirements Checklist

- ✓ Must be an **undergraduate student** and have **completed** at least 24 undergraduate credits at Hofstra University.
- ✓ Student must be enrolled for Fall 2014 semester.
- ✓ Minimum 2.5 grade point average.
- ✓ Two current letters of recommendation addressed to the BHAA Scholarship Committee
 - Letters **must** be on original, official letterhead.
 - Letters **must** have an original signature of the person writing the letter of recommendation for the applicant.
- ✓ Provide two (2) typed essays. (*Please see application for essay topics. Minimum 100 words*)
- ✓ Applicant must provide a current official transcript. Transcript is to be in the **sealed**; unopened envelope from Academic Records.
- ✓ FERPA Student Release must be attached to application. The FERPA form can be obtained from the Student Financial Services and Registrar Suite in Memorial Hall, or downloaded from Hofstra's Website www.hofstra.edu/pdf/acadrec_FERPA.pdf. On this form, fill in Name of Authorized Person: **Black/Hispanic Alumni Scholarship Committee**.
- ✓ FAFSA (*Free Application for Federal Student Aid*) must be completed and on file at Hofstra University.

**ALL items must be submitted together and returned to
The Office for Alumni Affairs.**

Deadline: Friday, March 7, 2014. NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE.

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1. Must be a Hofstra University student of African-American, Caribbean-American, African or Hispanic descent who has completed 24 undergraduate credits at Hofstra University.
2. Students must have a minimum 2.5 grade point average based on a 4.0 system.
3. Students will be recommended on the basis of scholastic potential and demonstration of financial need*.
4. Applicants are required to submit:
 - A completed application.
 - Two (2) letters of recommendation (i.e., a teacher, guidance counselor, religious or community leader) addressed to the BHAA Scholarship Committee. **Letters must be on official letterhead and have an original signature.**
 - A current official transcript.
 - Two (2) typed essays:
 - [1] Please state your **major career goals and objectives**. (Minimum 100 words);
 - [2] Please address **one** of the three (3) topics below:
 - On July 13, 2013, our nation watched as George Zimmerman, a neighborhood-watch volunteer who fatally shot unarmed 17 year old Trayvon Martin was found not guilty of second-degree murder and acquitted of manslaughter. The verdict ignited a national debate on racial profiling and civil rights. What were your immediate thoughts when you heard the verdict? Has this case changed your view(s) on civil rights in America? Explain how. If your view has not changed, please share your view on civil rights.
 - Given the Supreme Court's action this summer invalidating Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act and hereby invalidating provisions of Section 4, what actions do you think should be taken to address voter suppression? How can one ensure that the right to vote is afforded to every American?
 - Education has become an increasing civil rights issue of our day and time. Many believe people should be on the front lines of engaging and asking questions of our politicians, education reformers, educators, teacher unions, school boards, etc. What are two (2) questions you would ask the above audience that impact education reform the most and what do you believe is the best evidence to support your two (2) questions?

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- ✓ 5. A consent form, FERPA Student Release, must be submitted along with this application. The FERPA form can be obtained from the Student Financial Services & Registrar Suite in Memorial Hall, or downloaded from Hofstra's Website www.hofstra.edu/pdf/acadrec_FERPA.pdf. On this form, fill in Name of Authorized Person: **Black/Hispanic Alumni Scholarship Committee**.

Note: For information about financial aid at Hofstra University, please contact Student Financial Services at 516.463.8000.

6. Scholarship recipients may reapply for the next school year, if they meet the eligibility requirements.
7. Return completed applications and materials to:
Alumni Affairs Office, Libby and Joseph G. Shapiro Alumni House
150 Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY 11549-1500
8. Completed scholarship applications and required documents must be received no later than **Friday, March 7, 2014. All items must be submitted together. No exceptions will be made.**
9. For additional information or questions, please contact the Office for Development and Alumni Affairs at: (516) 463-6636.

** Financial need is calculated by filing the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Hofstra University's school code is 002732. It will take approximately 3 weeks for Student Financial Services to receive your FAFSA from the time you file it. For more information, contact Student Financial Services at (516) 463-8000.*



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Educational Information

- 1. List all colleges and high schools attended in chronological order, starting with most recent.**

Name of School and Complete Address	Dates of Attendance	Graduation Date or Expected Date of Graduation

Check your academic status for this coming fall semester:

Sophomore () Junior () Senior ()

Year of initial enrollment in college: _____

Expected year of graduation: _____

Area of study (Major): _____

Type of Degree you are pursuing: _____

- 2. List all employment within the past five (5) years, in chronological order, starting with most recent.**

Name and Address of Employer	Dates of Employment	Job Title & Description of Duties	Annual Salary or Volunteer



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3. List any organizations in which you are an active member. Do not use acronyms.

Name of Organization	Office(s) Held & Description of Participation	Dates of Membership

4. List special talents, skills or abilities.

5. List any extra-curricular activities and describe your involvement.



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Financial Information

1. Have you received scholarships or financial assistance in the past? Yes () No ()

2. If “yes”, list the source, amount and the period of time your received the assistance.

3. List **ALL** anticipated scholarships, awards, loans, and any other financial assistance for the upcoming academic period. Include the type and amount of the award and whether it is for one year or your entire college career.

4. Itemize your anticipated needs for the upcoming academic year.

Tuition	\$ _____
Books	\$ _____
Room/Board	\$ _____
Transportation	\$ _____
Personal	\$ _____
Other (explain)	\$ _____
Total	\$ _____

CERTIFICATION

I, _____ hereby, certify that the statements presented in this application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the Black/Hispanic Alumni Association must receive a current official transcript and all other required documents by **Friday, March 7, 2014** for my application to be considered complete.

Signature

Date