

## Scholarship Description

There is up to \$25,000 available, approximately \$350 per summer enrichment opportunity per applicant, to African American, Latino or Native American males who are enrolled in a Howard County public middle school. Funds cover the costs of tuition associated with participating in “qualified programs” that provide opportunities to gain knowledge, skills and unique experiences to enable them to successfully complete school and become life-long leaders in their community.

## About Dr. Carlessia Hussein



Carlessia Hussein

Dr. Hussein started her career as a nurse and two decades later earned her doctorate in public health from the University of California, Berkeley. Throughout her career she made a significant impact on population health at the local and state levels. Interlaced in her more than 50-year career, has been a commitment to the health of minority, underrepresented and underserved populations.

Dr. Hussein believes, by virtue of circumstances beyond their control, that some children need additional help to reach their full potential. She strongly believes that by reaching out to one child at a time you can affect the lives of many people. Through this scholarship Dr. Hussein is able to offer that much needed support to children in their more formative years to ensure they are “on the right track.” To that end, this scholarship provides children access to programs that encourage leadership, academic achievement, character development, expand problem-solving skills and engender a sense of community.

This scholarship is Dr. Hussein’s way of “passing it on.”

## Qualified Programs

A list of programs a candidate could consider is available on our website. However, candidates are encouraged to explore summer enrichment opportunities and select one that best meets their interests. If you are unsure if a program meets the qualifications below, please contact Dee Athey at the Community Foundation of Howard County.

A qualified program must meet the following criteria:

- Be determined as charitable under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or other entities that meet IRS charitable guidelines;
- Be delivering services and programs that encourage leadership, academic achievement, character development, expand problem-solving skills and/or engender a sense of community; and
- Be providing programs and services to the intended beneficiaries without discrimination on the basis of race, color, gender, national origin, religion, disability, medical condition, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, veteran or military status, pregnancy, ancestry,

age or any other characteristic protected by federal, state, county or local laws, regulations or ordinances.

## Eligibility Criteria

Candidates for the **Carlessia Hussein Minority Scholarship** must:

1. Be African American, Latino or Native American males;
2. Attend a public middle school in Howard County, Maryland;
3. Be eligible to receive Free or Reduced Price School Meals – or – be participating in other assistance programs; and,
4. Be performing “on grade level” or “below grade level” in Math and English.

**Students that have previously received this scholarship, and continue to meet eligibility criteria outlined above, are encouraged to reapply.**

## Application Materials

Applications for the **Carlessia Hussein Minority Scholarship** must include:

1. A complete and signed application;
2. A complete program information sheet;
3. A response to the following questions (typed, double-spaced and single sided):
  - a. What do you enjoy doing and why? (required student response)
  - b. Who do you admire and why? (required student response)
  - c. What else would you like to share with the Committee? (optional student response)
  - d. How do you think this experience will help your child? (optional parent response)
4. One confidential letter of recommendation from a teacher or guidance counselor addressing how the candidate might benefit from participation in the selected program;
5. An eligibility letter for Free or Reduced Price School Meals – or – eligibility letter from another assistance program; and
6. An official copy of the most recent second quarter or fourth quarter report card.

Parents are responsible for ensuring that all components of the application are submitted to the Foundation by the due date. The Foundation’s Director of Programs can verify if the confidential letter of recommendation was received.

## Evaluation Criteria

Applications will be grouped by students performing “on grade level” and “below grade level.” The Community Foundation of Howard County will evaluate all applications based on the following criteria:

1. Student responses on the information sheet;
2. Student responses to the questions;
3. Confidential letter of recommendation from a teacher or guidance counselor;
4. General Impression.
5. Financial need will be considered in the case of a tie.

## **Award Notification and Acceptance**

The Foundation will provide written notification of decisions to students whose applications are received by the Director of Programs.

The selected candidate will receive a certificate and, upon receipt by the Foundation of the students' acceptance letter from a qualified program, the scholarship will be sent to the qualified organization.

Scholarship recipients and their guests may be invited to attend an awards celebration hosted by Dr. Hussein.

If participation in the program was contingent on the receipt of the scholarship, the Foundation will work with the student to hold the scholarship while the registration materials are processed.

If the selected applicant receives a full scholarship subsequent to this Award, this scholarship will be re-awarded to the runner-up.

## **Questions?**

The Director of Programs at the Community Foundation of Howard County can address questions on this scholarship program.

**Due Date:**                    **March 11, 2020**

**Sent via email:**            **Time stamped by March 11 at 5:00 p.m.**  
Grants@CFHoCo.org

**Sent via USPS:**            **Postmarked March 11, 2020**  
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### **About the Community Foundation of Howard County**

Founded in 1969 as The Columbia Foundation, the Community Foundation of Howard County has awarded more than \$17 million in grants to Howard County nonprofit organizations delivering human service, arts and cultural, educational and civic programs. Money for the grant programs comes primarily from income generated by the Foundation's endowment supported by more than 300 funds established by Howard County businesses, families and individuals.