



2017-2018
Young Women's Scholarship Program

APPLICATION FORM

Sponsored by:

Peace Corps Nigeria Alumni Foundation

www.pcnaf.org

Instructions for Completing the Application

Application packages must include a completed scholarship application, an official academic transcript (most recent), the Financial Aid Worksheet, copy of the international student visa, a letter of recommendation from a faculty member, a letter of recommendation from someone outside the educational institution, and responses (150-200 words) to each of the three essay questions. All application materials must be received by **April 28, 2017**.

1. File a request for an official transcript with your registrar's office. The transcript should be returned directly to you and mailed to the Peace Corps Nigeria Alumni Foundation along with your application package.
2. Complete Part I of the Financial Aid Worksheet. Your financial aid office must complete Part II of the form and return it directly to you.
3. Complete Sections A and B of this form. All responses (except signatures) must be typed or printed.
4. Make copies of the pages from your passport documenting your international student status.
5. Your application package must contain a signed letter of recommendation from a faculty member and someone outside of the educational institution who knows you well in a personal and/or professional capacity. Professional recommendations from outside the educational institution must be written on business stationery.
6. Before mailing your application package, make sure that you have included all required documents. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

Once you have gathered the required documents, mail the completed package to:

Mr. Albert Hannans
President
Peace Corps Nigeria Alumni Foundation
c/o 10462 Kelso Court
Waldorf, MD 20603

The deadline for receipt of all materials is April 28, 2017.

If you have questions call: 301-632-5895. Additional copies of this application can be downloaded at: www.pcna.org

Program Overview

The Peace Corps Nigeria Alumni Foundation (PCNAF) will award two \$2000 scholarships to promising female college students of Nigerian heritage in the Washington, DC metropolitan area, with a desire to contribute to the development and prosperity of Nigeria while pursuing their undergraduate studies. The scholarship program was created in an effort to help ease the financial burden of students with outstanding academic and leadership potential that are facing difficulties securing the funds needed to complete their undergraduate studies because they have an international student visa and cannot seek outside employment to finance their education.

Upon receiving their scholarships, our scholars will be expected to actively support the mission of PCNAF for at least one year by speaking to students at a local school about the girls' education crisis in Nigeria and other developing countries:

- The entire world benefits when citizens in developing countries can read, write and fully participate in social and economic life. Therefore, it is important that we all help to ensure that every child receives a quality education. By doing our part to make education more accessible to children in Nigeria and other parts of the world, we help to lift the people in those nations out of poverty, which will help create a more peaceful and prosperous world for us all. Most Americans are not aware of this crisis, and how it is affecting our lives here in the U.S. The school presentations are one very important way that PCNAF helps to increase public awareness about the crisis here in America, how it is affecting the lives of people in both Nigeria and the U.S., and how we can all help to solve the problem.

Eligibility Criteria

Any female college student of Nigerian heritage is eligible to apply for a PCNAF Scholarship if she:

- Has an international student visa (F1)
- Is enrolled as a full time student at a participating institution
- Will begin her junior or senior year at the university in the fall of 2017, or will complete community college and enter a participating university as a full time student in the fall of 2017
- Has an overall grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
- Has a documented need for financial assistance

Partner Colleges/Universities

Students attending the following institutions can apply:

- University of the District of Columbia
- Prince Georges Community College
- Baltimore City Community College
- Community College of Baltimore County
- Morgan State University

- Coppin State University
- Bowie State University
- Montgomery College
- University of Maryland
- University of Maryland Baltimore County
- Towson University
- College of Southern Maryland
- George Mason University
- Northern Virginia Community College

Section A: Applicant Information (Please type or clearly print all responses)

Name (last, first, middle): _____

Marital Status _____

Home Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Current School Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Major Field of Study: _____

Grade Point Average: _____

Note: Students currently attending community college should provide information about the university they plan to attend in the fall.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Major Field of Study: _____

I hereby certify that the information contained in this application is true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Section B: Essay Topics (Please type or clearly print)

Please write a short essay (150-200 words) on each of the three topics listed below.

1. Describe your greatest academic achievements and why they are important to you.

2. Identify an important educational challenge that Nigeria faces today and describe the actions that you think are needed to solve the problem.

3. Discuss the reasons why you need financial aid to continue your undergraduate studies.

**PCNAF Young Women's Scholarship Program
2017-2018 Financial Aid Worksheet**

This form must be completed by all students whether or not you receive financial aid.

PART I. Instructions to the STUDENT: Complete Part I of this Financial Aid Worksheet (FAW), authorizing the release of information, and submit it to your Financial Aid Office which should complete Part II and return the FAW *directly to you in a sealed envelope, with a signature or official stamp across the flap.*

Name: _____
LAST
FIRST
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Name Used Previously (if different): _____

Permanent Mailing Address: _____

Telephone Number: (_____) _____

I authorize you to release the information requested in Part II.

Student's Signature: _____

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PART II. Instructions to the FINANCIAL AID OFFICE: Please complete Sections A, B and C and *return the form directly to the student in a sealed envelope with a stamp or signature across the flap. Only this original FAW is acceptable.* Thank you in advance for your assistance. **Note:** Students currently attending community college should provide information about the **Partner University** they plan to attend in the fall.

Section A. Estimated Full-Time Student Expenses for Academic Year 2017-2018.

Tuition.....\$ _____

Fees _____

Books and Materials..... _____

Housing..... _____

(Check here ___ and give estimate if student is not residing in university housing)

Meal Plan..... _____

(Check here ___ and give estimate if student is not participating in meal plan)

Estimated Personal and Other Expenses..... _____

TOTAL.....\$ _____

Section B. Estimated Financial Assistance for Academic Year 2017-2018.

Scholarship(s) (please identify).....\$ _____
Pell Grant/State Grant..... _____
Other Assistance (please identify)..... _____
Student Loan(s) (please identify)..... _____
Work/Study (if applicable)..... _____

TOTAL.....\$ _____

Comments (please provide any additional information you feel would help the scholarship selection committee make a fair and accurate determination of need):

Section C. This section must be completed by a Financial Aid Officer.

Authorized Signature: _____ Date: _____

Type or Print Name: _____

Title: _____

Name of Institution _____

SCHOOL PRESENTATION AGREEMENT

I understand that this scholarship program includes a component which requires recipients to speak to students at a local school about the girls' education crisis in Nigeria. Most Americans are not aware of the crisis, how it is affecting the lives of people in both Nigeria and the U.S., and how we can all help to solve the problem.

My signature certifies that I understand, and agree to the terms and conditions of this scholarship agreement.

Signature of Applicant

Date