



## National Forum for Black Public Administrators Central Arizona Chapter Scholarship Program

The National Forum for Black Public Administrators (NFBPA) is committed to strengthening the positions of blacks within the field of public administration; to increasing the number of blacks appointed to executive positions in public service organization; and to grooming and preparing younger, aspiring administrators for senior level management posts.

The Central Arizona Chapter (CAC) offers the following scholarship opportunity to enhance your career and further your education in Public Administration.

### **Jacques Avent Scholarship**

The Central Arizona Chapter (NFBPA-CAC) has established the Jacques Avent Scholarship Fund for future Black public administrators. Awards valued up to \$5000 are given to deserving students. The scholarship is named in honor of Jacques Avent, one of NFBPA's original founders. Jacques had a long, distinguished public service career. He was the first African-American to hold a senior executive position, serving as executive assistant to the City Council and Deputy City Manager with the city of Phoenix, Arizona. Through his trailblazing efforts, he was instrumental in promoting and increasing the number of African Americans in executive and middle management positions throughout the city. More importantly, Jacques served as a mentor and confidant to many CAC-NFBPA members and other city employees.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

- Be of African-American/Black heritage.
- Be an undergraduate student who has completed a minimum of 48 credit hours and has a minimum GPA of 3.0 **OR** be a graduate student with a minimum GPA of 3.0 and carry a minimum of 6 credit hours per semester.
- Be enrolled in at least one of the following eligible degree programs: Public Administration, Public Affairs, Public Policy, Political Science, and Urban and Metropolitan Studies. **Applicants who are enrolled in: Business, Criminal Justice, Education, Nursing/Healthcare, Information Technology and Continuing Education courses are welcome and encouraged to apply.**
- Be enrolled in an academic institution in Arizona.
- Be committed to pursuing a career in public administration.

### **APPLICATION CRITERIA**

- Complete and sign the scholarship application.
- Submit a personal statement of no more than two pages addressing your:
  - Educational and career goals
  - Civic and community involvement
  - Challenges facing Blacks in the field of public administration and how you plan to help strengthen the role of Blacks in public administration.
- Submit two letters of recommendation. At least one letter should be from a faculty member.
- Submit official transcripts from your current school.
- Submit a headshot photograph for our program booklet.

Recipients will be required to attend CAC chapter events, including the annual Professional Development Seminar and Marks of Excellence on Friday, March 18, 2016.

### **To Apply online:**

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