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2025
CGCS-BERNARD HARRIS MATH AND SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Scholarships will be awarded in May 2025

DEADLINE TO APPLY IS MARCH 31, 2025

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

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2025 Application Guidelines

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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 2025 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 May. The scholarship will be paid to the university of the recipient's choice and can be applied to tuition and related expenses during the 2025-2026 academic school year.

PROGRAM GUIDELINES

To apply for the 2025 scholarship, this application must be submitted online by **March 31, 2025** Click here to apply or go to: https://apply.mykaleidoscope.com/program/CGCS-BernardHarris2025

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 3.5 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. Applicants do not have to be a United States citizen.

No person may receive more than one award administered by the Council of the Great City Schools in the same academic year.

*All applicants must attend a public school in a Council of the Great City Schools district. Go to: www.cgcs.org/districts to find the list of CGCS districts.

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2025 Sponsors

The Peters Pharis Foundation is a 501 (c) 3 charitable organization, established in 2018 by Bruce and Aulana Peters. The mission driving the foundation is to provide resources to persons dedicated to providing educational opportunities to highly motivated, high-performing socioeconomically disadvantaged students from underserved and underrepresented communities. The foundation works with other non profit entities to assist high-performing students from low-income families to realize their full potential through higher education. www.peterspharisfoundation.org

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Bernard Harris is a former astronaut, physician, businessman, and the first African American to walk in space. He served as CEO and Executive Director of the National Math & Science Initiative and led the organization's efforts to improve teacher effectiveness and student achievement in communities across the country. He has been involved in math and science education for over 25 years through his philanthropy as founder of the Harris Institute & Foundation. Dr. Harris was at NASA for ten years, where he conducted research in musculoskeletal physiology and clinical investigations of space adaptation and developed in-flight medical devices to extend astronaut stays in space. He is the author of "Dream Walker: A Journey of Achievement and Inspiration."

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CGCS-Bernard Harris Math and Science Scholarship Recipient

"I AM SO APPRECIATIVE OF THIS SCHOLARSHIP AND AM SO EXCITED TO USE IT TO HELP ACCELERATE MY FUTURE."

Alyssa Almaguer is a graduate of the Charleston County School District and received a CGCS-Bernard Harris Math and Science Scholarship in 2024. She is majoring in bioengineering at Clemson University Honors College.