



***THE LILLIE SCOTT GROOMS FUND FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE SCIENCES  
BLACK PHYSICIANS AND HEALTHCARE NETWORK (BPHN) SCHOLARSHIP***

**ELIGIBILITY**

- Black High School seniors and residents of Montgomery County who have been accepted to a college, university, or vocational school.
- Applicants must be pursuing an undergraduate degree or a certification in a healthcare related field.
- High School seniors who will be the first in their family to pursue a degree or certification in a healthcare related field are strongly encouraged to apply.
- Seniors must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

**APPLICATION GUIDELINES**

Each applicant must:

- Submit a completed application form by the required deadline of May 15, 2024.
- Provide proof of residency.
- Submit a typed essay of no more than five hundred words describing why they are choosing a career in health and how they plan to make a profound impact within their community.
- Submit one letter of recommendation in a sealed envelope from a teacher, employer, or organization who can attest to the qualities and character of the applicant and their motivation.
- Provide a copy of their high school transcript.

The final applicants will be selected for an interview with a pre-selected BPHN panel. The Scholarship Awardees will receive written notification of their selection and the total award amount of up to \$2000, by June 15, 2024. Award amounts will be distributed by July 15, 2024.

Applications that are incomplete or do not meet the specified eligibility criteria will not be reviewed.

For more information, contact Ashley Taylor, IMI Operations Manager, at [ataylor@nccf-cares.org](mailto:ataylor@nccf-cares.org).



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In memory of Lillie Scott Grooms, a pioneering Black woman in the medical field who was a Nurse Administrator in the Boston area for decades, the Fund seeks to encourage a passion for learning in the STEM arena and to enable underrepresented youth to receive support to pursue careers in science, mathematics, and healthcare while also serving as examples for other young people who may want to pursue those career fields.

STEM-based education teaches children more than science and mathematics concepts. The focus on firsthand learning with real-world applications helps develop creativity and 21st-century skills such as media and technology literacy, productivity, social skills, communication, flexibility, and initiative. Other skills attained through STEM education include problem solving, critical thinking, creativity, curiosity, decision making, leadership, entrepreneurship, acceptance of failure and more.



After graduating from a segregated school system in South Carolina in the 1940s, Mrs. Grooms understood how STEM prepares future generations to be successful in their careers. Moreover, she knew that the skills gained from STEM education extend beyond those needed to be successful in STEM fields, preparing children with varied interests who move into any industry to have valuable skill sets that allow them to be successful.

Established by an initial donation from NCCF Trustee Jacklyn Mitchell Wynn, the Fund honors the commitment Mrs. Grooms placed on continuing education, healthcare, and the sciences. The Grooms family as well as the NCCF family at large have joined together to grow and sustain this fund in an effort to ensure that youth who shine in these areas are able to continue their education much like their predecessor, Lillie Grooms, who after many years in the health services field, returned to school when both her children were in college to complete her hard-earned Bachelor's in Nursing, and later, a Master's in Public Health, from Boston University. Her legacy which involves training numerous medical professionals and specialists in Boston, also includes one granddaughter, an adolescent and child psychiatrist and administrator at Children's National Medical Center in Washington, DC, and another, who holds a Ph.D. in Public Health at the Center for Disease Control (CDC) in Atlanta, Georgia.



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| <b>Please type your answers and use additional paper if needed</b>   |              |                        |                   |
| <b>First Name:</b>   |              | <b>Middle Initial:</b> | <b>Last Name:</b> |
| <b>Mailing Address Street Name:</b>  |              |                        |                   |
| <b>City:</b>   |              | <b>State:</b>          | <b>Zip Code:</b>  |
| <b>Phone Number:</b>   |              | <b>E-mail Address:</b> |                   |
| <b>Date of Birth:</b>  | <b>Month</b> | <b>Day</b>             | <b>Year</b>       |
| <b>Race:</b>   |              | <b>Gender:</b>         |                   |
| <b>Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) _____<br/>(Attach a copy of high school transcript)</b>  |              |                        |                   |
| <b>Name and Location of High School:</b>   |              |                        |                   |
| <p><b>A. List any academic honors, awards, membership activities.</b></p><br><br><p><b>B. List any extracurricular activities and community service hours.</b></p> |              |                        |                   |
| <b>Please indicate your intended major and attach a letter of acceptance into a college, training program, or school which you plan to attend.</b>                 |              |                        |                   |
| <b>Attach a 500-word essay about why you are pursuing a career in health and how you plan to make a profound impact within your Montgomery County community.</b>   |              |                        |                   |