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What is the NRG HBCU Excellence in Education Scholarship?

This scholarship awards tuition funds to exceptionally talented students attending one of two Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). The scholarship will reward superior academic performance, exemplary non-academic achievements, and adherence to the corporate values of NRG by matriculating Junior or Senior students enrolled at Prairieview A&M (PVAMU) or Texas Southern University (TSU), located in Houston, Texas, to aid in degree completion and reduce financial burden.

What are the criteria for applying for the scholarship?

Qualification Details:

- Must be accepted as a full-time student at **Texas Southern University** or **Prairie View A&M University**
- Must be enrolled as an incoming Junior or Senior as of Fall 2025
- Declared Majors: STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math), Marketing, Communication, Business, Finance, Accounting, or Legal
- Must have a record of academic excellence in the classroom (3.0 GPA+) and active participation and leadership in non-academic endeavors, which can include school-based extracurricular activities, volunteer work, employment, sports, or any combination of out-of-class achievement (references must be submitted with scholarship application)
- Applicant cannot be related/affiliated to an NRG employee within the selection committee
- Must be a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident

Are there reasons which could disqualify me from the scholarship?

Yes. These include but are not limited to:

- Part-time student status
- Matriculating freshmen and sophomores
- Applicant is related to/affiliated with an NRG employee within the selection committee
- Applicant does not meet the minimum 3.0 GPA requirement
- Applicant's declared major is not listed above

What is the maximum amount of scholarship I can apply for?

The minimum amount available for each awardee is \$5,000 per semester. The maximum total amount that can be awarded is \$10,000 per school year.

Can a student enrolled at any accredited HBCU apply?

At this time, the scholarship is only available for students enrolled at PVAMU and TSU.

What expenses are not covered?

Examples of non-qualifying expenses include but are not limited to:

- Room and board
- Books
- Supplies
- Transportation



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Are there income limitations to qualify for the scholarship?

No. Income is only used as a consideration factor when reviewing applications. Income considerations will be verified by the University and student's FASFA information.

If I am a full-time NRG employee and currently enrolled at an HBCU in the Houston area, as a full-time student, can I apply?

Yes, the scholarship is available for employees/contractors of NRG, who are current full-time students enrolled at PVAMU AND TSU.

Are family members of contractors of NRG eligible to apply?

Yes, the scholarship is available for family members of NRG contractors.

Can part-time students apply?

The scholarship is only eligible for full-time students as defined by the University/College.

How long does it take for the applications to be reviewed?

Approximately 45-60 days from the close of the submission process. NRG HBCU Academic Excellence Scholarship is administered by Thurgood Marshall College Fund (TMCF), a 501c(3) tax-exempt, public, nonprofit organization. TMCF strives to maintain a quick response time for submitted applications.

The top 20 qualified applications are then sent to the NRG Selection Committee for review. Finalists will be selected thereafter between June and July 2025.

How will I be notified of the decision?

NRG, in partnership with TMCF, will notify students by email of the status of their application.

Where can I look up my application status?

Applicants can log into the [TMCF portal](#) to check the status of their application.

When will all HBCUs be considered?

A timeline for expanding the scholarship to include all HBCUs has not been determined. We are actively reviewing this pilot scholarship program and will make decisions on expanding to other HBCUs in the future.

Are funds from the scholarship taxable?

Any scholarship received is not considered part of your taxable income. Please refer to the [IRS website](#) for additional guidance.

Do I have to repay the scholarship?

No. Amounts awarded under the scholarship do not have to be repaid.

What happens if I don't maintain my eligibility for the following semester?

The scholarship will be forfeited in full.



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Can I reapply if my scholarship is suspended due to not maintaining the eligibility requirements?

Applicants must maintain eligibility requirements and are not eligible to reapply for the scholarship if it is suspended.

Will my information remain confidential?

Applicant consents to NRG and TMCF use of their full names, photos, videos, direct quotes for marketing and advertising purposes.

Who do I contact for more information about the scholarship?

Please email scholarships@tmcf.org or call 202-747-7182.