

National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc.®
Polk County Chapter



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**2026 ADVOCACY IN ACTION SCHOLARSHIP AWARD
APPLICATION**

This application, along with all else requested herein, must be completed in its entirety, and returned to the address noted above, or electronically at nc100bw.polk@gmail.com, by **Friday, April 24, 2026**.

NAME: _____ DATE: ___/___/___

School Student I.D. # or last 4 digits of Social Security #: _____

Home Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Phone Numbers: (H) _____ (C) _____ (Other) _____

Name of High School: _____ Grade: _____

Anticipated Graduation Date: ___/___/___ Cumulative GPA: _____

Will you attend a college, university, or trade school in the fall of this year? ___ Yes ___ No
If yes, what is the name of that institution? _____

Have you been accepted by that institution for admission yet?
___ Yes (Attach a copy of your Acceptance Letter now, if available)
___ No (submit your Acceptance Letter by **no later than Friday, May 15, 2026**)

What will be your Degree Choice or Program of Study? _____

What is your career goal/professional ambition? _____

List your Extra-Curricular, leadership, and/or Community Service Involvement: (Attach documentation): _____

Attach An **ORIGINAL** Essay, (approximately 250-300 words), On The Theme Topic:

“How I Honor Our History As A Black Woman – Not Only By Remembering It – But By Advancing It With Integrity, Intention, and Resolve”

(Note: AI generated and/or plagiarized documents will be disqualified)

Student’s signature below affirms that all information provided for consideration of this scholarship is original, complete, and accurate, and that any finding to the contrary shall be grounds for automatic rejection of this application:

Signature: _____

NOTE: *Eligibility Criteria on reverse side*

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ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

(Each applicant must fulfill the criteria below:)



- **Must be a deserving Black female student who will be a 2026 graduate from an accredited high school in Polk County, Florida**
- **Must have plans to pursue a post-secondary education and provide a copy of her letter of acceptance for admission to a college, university, or trade school to begin the Summer or Fall Term of the 2026-2027 academic school year. (If selected for award, funds will not be disbursed if acceptance letter is not provided by 5/15/26).**
- **Must submit by April 24, 2026 written evidence of active engagement in relevant extra-curricular activities, leadership roles, and/or community service projects**
- **Must submit the *Advocacy In Action Scholarship Application* by April 24, 2026**
- **Must submit by April 24, 2026 an original essay, (approximately 250 - 300 words, typed and double-spaced), on the theme topic:**

“How I Honor Our History As A Black Woman – Not Only By Remembering It – But By Advancing It With Integrity, Intention, and Resolve”

NOTE:

- **Multiple Scholarships are available in varying amounts from \$250 - \$1,000**
- **Special consideration will be given to applicants who demonstrate a personal hardship or unusual/extenuating circumstance**
- **Award recipients will be announced, and presentations made, at NC100BW’s 6th Annual Salute To Women Awards Luncheon at noon on Saturday, June 13, 2026 at the Bartow Civic Center. *The 1st Place Winner will be asked to share her essay with the audience.***
- **AI generated and/or plagiarized documents will be disqualified**

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR FILLABLE APPLICATION AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS VIA *ONE* OF THE FOLLOWING METHODS:

ELECTRONICALLY SUBMIT YOUR FILLABLE APPLICATION AND ITEMS UNDERLINED ABOVE TO:
nc100bw.polk@gmail.com OR:

MAIL YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION AND OTHER ITEMS UNDERLINED ABOVE TO:

NC100BW-PCC
Scholarship Committee
P. O. Box 2998
Winter Haven, FL 33883

If additional information is required, please feel free to contact:

Elizabeth Birdsong, Scholarship Committee Chair: eabirdsong@verizon.net