ATTENTION: JUNIORS IN HIGH SCHOOL!

- $5,000 COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP EACH OF FOUR YEARS
- PERSONALIZED COLLEGE CONSULTANT
- FINANCIAL COUNSELING PROGRAMS
- MENTORS and PEER GROUP SUPPORT

WESTMORELAND/SHAW SCHOLARS AND MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

JUNE 8, 2018 Application Deadline

Program Description: The Westmoreland/Shaw Scholars and Mentorship Program is now launching its second year of awards. Designed as a five-year program (senior year in high school and four years in college), the 2018 awards will be announced in late June 2018 to three students who will function as a peer group for one another during all five years. Each student will be guaranteed:

- a yearly $5,000 scholarship while in college for a total of $20,000;
- a mentoring program linked to success in college and in life;
- one-on-one free advising from a founder of College Consult to assist in the application process;
- advice from a financial aid expert on resources and financial planning;
- a series of programs on navigating the college terrain and exploring a range of careers.

Expectations: High school students who will begin their senior year in high school in the fall of 2018 and begin college in the fall of 2019 will be selected as Westmoreland/Shaw Scholars in June 2018. Mentoring, college consultations, peer group affiliations, and pre-college enrichment programs will begin after that notification. Westmoreland/Shaw Scholars will be expected to participate in the programming opportunities, develop a relationship with their primary mentor, maintain agreed upon academic progress over the five years, and after their first year in college serve as mentors themselves.

Criteria Considered: DC residency, promise of success, financial need, first in family to go to college, high school grades, extracurricular activities, evidence of service to the community, and resilience. Application is attached.

The program is supported by Westmoreland Congregational United Church of Christ in Bethesda, MD, which is a co-founder of Lincoln-Westmoreland Apartments and the Chandler Phillips, Jr. Apartments and Shaw Community Center, both located in the Shaw neighborhood.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: JUNE 8, 2018
The Westmoreland/Shaw Scholar and Mentorship Program Application

A program supported by the Westmoreland Congregational United Church of Christ in Bethesda, MD

Applications must be emailed or postmarked by the deadline: JUNE 8, 2018

Along with this application form, the following required documents must be included to be eligible for scholarship consideration to students completing their junior year in high school in June 2018 and going to college in the fall of 2019:

1. **Personal Essay:** Include an essay (2-3 pages) to tell us about yourself, your family, why you want to go to college, challenges you have confronted in your life, and why you should be awarded the scholarship. Please also address your commitment to participate in all aspects of the program, from engagement with your mentor to enrichment programs and from striving for excellence academically to giving back to communities with which you have affiliations.

2. **Letters of Recommendations:** Submit TWO LETTERS OF SUPPORT from teachers, mentors, counselors, or other people who know about your qualifications for this scholarship. The recommenders should send their letters directly to Caryn McTighe Musil (musil@aacu.org).

3. **School Transcript:** An official, current SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT and any PRE-COLLEGE TEST SCORES must be sent directly from your school’s records office to the email below.

Applicant Name: ___________________________ Nickname/Preferred Name: ___________________________

Address: __________________________________________

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City          Zip code

Phone numbers: Home ___________________________ Cell ___________________________

Email: __________________________________________

What colleges you are considering applying to? ___________________________

When will you start college? (Month/Year): ___________  Expect to graduate? (Month/Year): ___________

Possible major/course of study: ___________________________

What financial aid/award/grants/scholarships are you planning to apply for? ___________________________

How much do you and your family expect to contribute to the cost of college? $ ___________________________

High School Name(s) and years of attendance: ___________  Graduation date? ___________

Applicant Signature: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

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Please send this form and supporting materials directly to Caryn McTighe Musil by email to musil@aacu.org. For an email version of this application, write to musil@aacu.org.