



# ILLINOIS LEGISLATIVE BLACK CAUCUS FOUNDATION

## 2022 – HBCU FELLOWSHIP GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION

### **Introduction:**

The ILBCF will be hosting a cohort of 6 Fellows (4 Undergraduate/2 Graduate/Law) for the upcoming year-October-March (2022-2023)

Our fellows will be tasked with; issue development, legislative drafting, creating facts sheets, serving as the ILBCF's policy expert, communications and attending several seminars to help them discover more aspects of state government. The fellowship will also provide an opportunity for virtual data collection and qualitative research. The fellowship program doesn't require students to be in Springfield, but they will be required to remotely work with the foundation to advance its policy agenda. Based on this there will potentially be a need for the fellows to staff the Legislative Conference in October 2022. Fellows will be provided with a \$1,500 stipend for their tenure of work, graduate level fellows will receive a \$2,500 stipend and also cover travel expenses to Springfield for meetings.

This application is for potential research fellows for the **upcoming 2022 veto and 2023 legislative session**. Applicants should be enrolled at an accredited HBCU institution of higher learning, and **are matriculating into their sophomore/junior year** or above (to Ph.D). Students must have a 2.7 G.P.A. or above.

### **All applicants must:**

- **Must Be Illinois Resident and currently attending an HBCU.**
- Complete the ILBCF **Fellowship Application**
- Submit scanned copy of official transcripts
- Two 1500 words (or less) essays must be submitted by September 30, 2022 the first essay must be on the following topic: "The impact of an HBCU education in an ever-changing legislative environment." [MANDATORY TOPIC]; Also, please submit one of the following writing samples that deal with critical thought and research analysis such as: 1) That deals with Remote Learning on African American Students k-12 and 2) The economic/criminal impact on the newly passed cannabis legislation on breaking the African American Generational wealth gap. (or you may pick another topic that falls within the Education, Workforce Development, or the Economic Access, Opportunity, Equity sphere by introducing a new policy thought that will impact the lives of African Americans in the state of Illinois) 3) The national implications of the ILBC's passage of the 4 Pillars to end Systemic Racism in Illinois.
- Submit a copy of high school diploma.
- Submit a minimum of 1 recommendation letter from faculty at the applicant's schools highlighting the students potential, civic engagement, research/writing and critical thinking.
- Applicants that pass the writing phase will be invited to have a virtual interview prior to selection.
- Submit a recent photograph of himself/herself
- Provide proof of voter registration
- Forward the application and **all** supporting materials to the ILBCF Fellowship Selection Committee by the DEADLINE.
- **Any supporting material not submitted along with application will result in applicant being disqualified. (We are willing to accept unofficial transcripts due to the pandemic)**

**Application Deadline:** All applications for the scholarship must be postmarked by **September 30, 2022**. Applicants that pass the writing phase will be invited to have a virtual interview prior to selection. **Please take note that only applicants chosen to receive an award will be notified by letter.**

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**Submit Applications to:** Please scan and email all the above listed materials in the requested order to [info@ilbcf.org](mailto:info@ilbcf.org) and in the subjectline place RE: HBCU Fellows Program

Please complete the following information.

## PERSONAL DATA:

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_ Female \_\_\_

Permanent Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Number \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (Month/Day/Year) \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

*Please tell us how you learned about the ILBCF Fellowship?* \_\_\_\_\_

## EDUCATION:

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Name of College (Undergraduate) Address Current Status?

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Name of College Professional/Law Address M.A./Ph.D./J.D.?

If in Professional/Law School, how far along are you? \_\_\_\_\_

List of academic and community achievements

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3. List your area of study \_\_\_\_\_

4. Policy recommendation – Please provide a 1500 or less word essay describing the specific requirements above (you may choose any policy issue provided above, plus the standard essay request). On a separate sheet

## CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that all information in this application is true and accurate.

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Applicant Name (print) Date

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Applicant Signature Date