



CAMEROON PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY, INC.

## The CPS Scholars Program 2011

### **About the program**

Each year the CPS offers up to five scholarships to students who are enrolled in high school. These awards are determined on a competitive basis and require the submission of a personal statement and essay from the applicant. All eligible students are encouraged to participate in this process.

The CPS Scholars Program is funded through private and public donations and operated by the Cameroon Professional Society, Inc. as a public charity. This program was established to provide academic scholarship, leadership training and service opportunities to promising young Cameroonians.

On acceptance into the program, each scholar is awarded \$500 to be used at any college or university of their choice. Scholars are also provided with the mentorship and nurturing that is required to excel in college and beyond. The program seeks to produce outstanding young men and women who will go on to pursue careers in the arts, sciences, public service or professional degrees in business, law and medicine, among others.

### **Mission**

The mission of the CPS Scholars Program is to nurture a new generation of Cameroonian leaders in the fields of business, law, education, medicine, engineering, public service, among a wide variety of professions. Scholars also become well informed of the history, socio-economic and cultural affairs of impact to Cameroon.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

The CPS Scholars program seeks to identify young Cameroonian high school students, enrolled within the United States, who will make significant contributions to the society-at-large. Applicants must have demonstrated academic excellence, must be participating in community service opportunities and should exhibit exceptional leadership potential. The applicant must be a Cameroonian either by birth or through naturalization. Students are also eligible to apply if at least one of her/his parents is Cameroonian by birth or through naturalization.

Each year, up to five outstanding students will be designated "CPS Scholars". Each CPS Scholar is awarded a \$500 scholarship to be disbursed in two installments of \$250. Scholarship checks will be disbursed directly to the student when the CPS Scholarship Committee receives: confirmation that the student has been enrolled full time at the school identified in the application, for the first disbursement; and a record that the student has successfully completed the first semester, for the second disbursement. CPS Scholars may use their awards to pursue a degree in any academic discipline.

CPS Scholars are selected in the spring of each year. Applications will be screened during the month of April by an independent selection committee. In May, finalists are invited to participate in a telephone interview with the selection committee. Winning Scholars are selected on the basis of their applications and interviews with the CPS Scholars Committee. Award winners will be notified by the chairperson of the CPS Scholars Committee.

For more information about the CPS Scholars Program, contact us at [scholarship@cps-usa.org](mailto:scholarship@cps-usa.org)  
To make a secure donation to fund the CPS Scholars Program, go to [http://www.cps-usa.org/client/page\\_detail.php?page\\_id=Njc=](http://www.cps-usa.org/client/page_detail.php?page_id=Njc=)



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### **APPLICATION FORM**

The application form should be completed in full. Incomplete and/or illegible applications will be disqualified. Only one application may be submitted per applicant; applicants with multiple submissions will be disqualified.

### **APPLICANT'S PERSONAL STATEMENT**

The Applicant's Statement should include your reasons for deserving this award, a description of the applicant's financial need, and your academic and career goals. Your statement should be 300-500 words (double spaced) in length. Be sure to include your name at the top of your statement.

### **APPLICANT'S ESSAY**

The Applicant's Essay should discuss the role which youths play in the development of Cameroon. Your essay should be 500 -1,000 words (double spaced) in length. Be sure to include your name at the top of your essay.

### **LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**

Two letters of recommendation from current or past instructors or other persons in a supervisory role familiar with your academic and financial qualifications should be included with the application. One letter must be from a current instructor.

### **TRANSCRIPTS**

Copies of your official high school and/or college transcript(s) should be submitted with the application in a sealed envelope.

### **DEADLINE**

Return this completed form along with all requested materials by Friday April 15, 2011 to, to be considered for the upcoming school year starting in September. Note that this is the final postmarked deadline in order to be considered for the CPS Scholars Program.

All application materials must be mailed in one package. All transcripts and letters of recommendations must not be sent under separate cover. Letters of recommendations must be in sealed envelopes. Unsealed letters of recommendation will be discarded. Incomplete, emailed or faxed applications will not be considered. All applications must be mailed to;

The CPS Scholars Program  
8341 Church Lane, Suite 2  
Baltimore, MD 21244

### **SELECTION OF CPS SCHOLARS**

Winners will be selected anonymously (student name is removed from all application materials and student is assigned a code number) by a judging committee comprised of independent officers and affiliates of the CPS. The judges will evaluate eligible students' high school records in relation to their goals, school and community service, financial need and other significant information.

### **NOTIFICATIONS**

Applicants will be notified by email on receipt of a completed application package. Only finalists will be notified of their status in the competition. Notifications to finalists will be made by May 15<sup>th</sup> and each finalist is invited to participate in a telephone interview. Winners of the scholarship will be notified by June 1st, and their names will be published on the CPS website. The award ceremony will be held during the CPS Distinguished Annual Congress in July. No materials will be returned to the candidate.

All award recipients participate in a weekend Leadership Development session in Washington D.C organized by the CPS. Travel, accommodation and lodging would be at the expense of the CPS. During the Leadership Development session, students will interact closely with leading Cameroonian professionals, entrepreneurs, experts and scientists from various fields. Scholars will learn the fundamentals of leadership and participate in various activities designed to cultivate trust and respect in the classroom, at home and at the workplace.

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*Please print or type legibly*

## PART I. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (P.O. Boxes not accepted): \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Country if outside the USA: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: Home: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date (mm/dd/yyyy): \_\_\_\_\_

## PART II. EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (P.O. Boxes not accepted): \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Country if outside the USA: \_\_\_\_\_

Year Graduated: 20\_\_\_\_ Actual  / Anticipated  (Check one) Overall GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Rank (x/y): \_\_\_\_\_

1st College of Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Country if outside USA: \_\_\_\_\_

Major / Intended Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Full-Time  / Part-Time  (check one)

Are you currently enrolled in school? Yes  / No  (check one)

Last high school year completed: 1st  / 2nd  / 3rd  / 4th  / 5th  / 6th  (check one)

## PART III: SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS/HONORS AND RECOGNITION

List the special achievements, honors and recognitions you have received in high school, including the dates and names of the awarding institution(s).

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## PART IV: CAREER INTEREST:

- Arts                       Sciences                       Public Service                       Business
- Law                       Engineering                       Medicine                       Other \_\_\_\_\_

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## PART V: EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT/EMPLOYMENT

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## PART VI: PERSONAL STATEMENT

Your essay should discuss your financial need and the reason(s) why you believe you should be awarded this scholarship [300 to 500 word limit].

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## PART VII: ESSAY

Discuss "The Role of Youths in the Development and Sustenance of Leadership within Cameroonian communities" [500 to 1,000 word limit].

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### **CHECKLIST for CPS Scholars Program Application**

**Before mailing your application package, ensure that the package contains...**

- 1) This completed application form
- 2) Applicant's personal statement
- 3) Essay written by the applicant about the role of youths in the development and sustenance of Leadership within Cameroonian communities
- 4) Official high school transcript in a sealed envelope
- 5) Two letters of recommendation from a current or past instructor (at least one must be written by a current instructor)
- 6) A self-addressed, stamped return envelope large enough to contain 8 1/2 x 11 documents. Please use precaution when packaging and labeling application materials. The CPS is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged items.