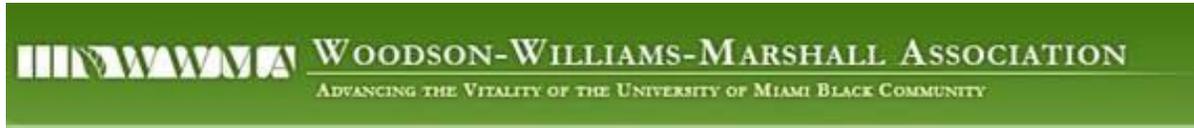


The Woodson-Williams-Marshall Association (WWMA) and the University of Miami Alumni Association/Black Alumni Society (UMBAS) are committed to serving and uniting African and African American faculty, staff, and alumni for the purpose of advancing the interests of the University, while recruiting, mentoring and retaining students of African descent in all academic fields.



The Woodson-Williams-Marshall Association (WWMA) was started in 1973 by a small group of dedicated Black administrators and faculty concerned with issues faced by Black students and employees **at the University of Miami**. The organization is named in honor of three outstanding contributors to the African-American experience: Carter G. Woodson, the father of Black History Month; Daniel H. Williams, the Black pioneer in the field of heart surgery; and Thurgood Marshall, the first African-American appointed to the United States Supreme Court.



The University of Miami Black Alumni Society (UMBAS), an official affiliate group of the University of Miami Alumni Association, is committed to enhancing the UM experience for African-American, African, black non-African-descent, black Caribbean and black Latin University of Miami alumni and students. UMBAS was established in 1989 by dedicated alumni who identified the need to continue nurturing the success of the black community within and **beyond the University**. Several educational forums, a viable professional network, the advancement of student and alumni interests, and scholarship funding can be attributed to the efforts of the UMBAS.

### Scholarship Purpose and Distribution

The goal of the Woodson-Williams-Marshall Association (WWMA) and the University of Miami Alumni Association/Black Alumni Society (UMBAS) scholarship is to provide need-based financial support for undergraduate students at the University of Miami, of traditionally underrepresented communities, recognizing their academic and leadership accomplishments. Scholarship recipients will receive either the WWMA or the UMBAS Scholarship for this academic year. These scholarships are tuition restricted and therefore, cannot be applied towards fees, room and board, or other costs associated with college attendance.

### Scholarship Criteria

Students interested in applying for either the WWMA or the UMBAS scholarships must meet the following criteria:

- Demonstrate financial need
- Enrolled as a full-time student
- Completed at least 30 credit hours
- Have a cumulative grade point average of
  - 3.0 or higher for WWMA or
  - 2.75 for BAS

## Scholarship Process

The scholarship committee is comprised of UM faculty, administrators, and alumni.

- Only complete applications will be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee and candidates will be notified if they are selected as a finalist.
- All finalists must sign up and attend a formal interview with the Scholarship Committee.
- All finalists will be invited to attend the Welcome Back Reception which will take place Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

[Click here to download your application](#)

**Completed applications must be emailed to the UM Black Alumni Society @ [umbas@miami.edu](mailto:umbas@miami.edu) no later than, Friday, September 20, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.**

**The following documentation must also be submitted along with the application:**

- 300-500 word personal statement explaining how this scholarship will assist you in achieving your academic and long term goals
- Detailed resume listing all:
  - academic recognition and honors you have received
  - work and volunteer experience
  - organizations in which you hold or have held leadership roles
- Letter of recommendation from UM faculty or administrator

## Application Evaluation Criteria

Applications will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Financial need
- Essay
- Letter of recommendation
- Academic achievement
- Community service and work experience
- Organization/Leadership experience

For additional information, please contact:

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