The Bethune-Woodson Student Scholarship Award

The Bethune-Woodson Student Scholarship Award recognizes a Black student who has excelled academically and has been a positive presence on campus demonstrated through campus leadership. The Bethune-Woodson Student Scholarship Award is named after Mary McLeod Bethune (1875-1955) and Dr. Carter G. Woodson (1875-1950).

Mary McLeod Bethune, an American educator and civil rights leader best known for starting a school for African American students in Daytona Beach, Florida that later became known as Bethune-Cookman University. She served as its president from 1923-1942 and 1946-1947, and was one of the few women in the world who served as a college president at that time.

Dr. Carter G. Woodson was an African American author, journalist and the founder of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History. Woodson created Negro History Week which later became known as Black History Month.

Recipients of this award must:
- Be a student of African heritage or ancestry.
- Be at least a sophomore and have been at NIU for at least a year.
- Have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0.
- Submit resume with evidence of campus leadership.
- Submit a 300-500 word essay addressing the following questions – “What is leadership? How does your vision of leadership advance the Black community at large?” (please utilize campus writing labs for best writing opportunities)

Award: a plaque and a check for $300.00
Award to be presented at an end of the year event of BFSA’s choosing.

Application Deadline: April 10, 2017

Submit application and its supporting materials to Anne Marie Edwards (aedwards8@niu.edu) by the due date.