



Association of Multicultural Counseling and Development Asa Hilliard, III Black Education Scholarship



The late Asa G. Hilliard III (Nana Baffour Amankwatia, II) was renowned as an educator, historian, psychologist, and social advocate. He served as the Fuller E. Callaway Professor of Urban Education at the Georgia State University and prior to that served on the faculty of San Francisco State University for 18 years. During this time he was department chair, Dean of Education, and served as Consultant to the Peace Corps and Superintendent of Schools in Monrovia, Liberia. He was one of the founding members of the Association for the Study of Classical African Civilizations (ASCAC) and the National Black Child Development Institute (NBCDI) and was an elder and life member of the Association of Black Psychologists (ABPsi).

Dr. Asa G. Hilliard III wrote on subjects dear to his heart, such as ancient African history, teaching strategies, public policy, cultural styles and child growth and development. He also served as expert witness on several landmark cases on test validity and bias. His commitment to education and the development of students at all levels was evinced by his involvement in conferences, and his role as a consultant to school districts, university and government agencies on valid assessment, equity in the curriculum and teacher preparation.

Dr. Hilliard's life was spent expounding on the need for African-centered education and "telling the truth and dispelling the lies" about African history. He was an ardent believer in ancient African values, principles and virtues and their importance to the socialization of Black children. Asa Hilliard's life was spent in the service of people of African descent to promote consciousness of self and cultural awareness.

Objective of scholarship

The objective of this award is to support graduate counseling students who are committed to scholarly activities related to Black education and development. The scholarship recipient will receive a non-renewable award in the amount of \$350.00 to support scholarly pursuits related to Black education.

Eligibility

- Applicants must be current student members of the American Counseling Association (ACA) *and* the Association for Multicultural Counseling and Development (AMCD) at the point of application for the scholarship.
- Applicants must demonstrate a strong commitment to the promotion of wholeness among individuals of African descent. This commitment must be demonstrated in the application essay, work in the community, and current scholarship.
- Applicants must be currently enrolled, either full- or part-time, in a masters or doctoral level counseling program (counselor education or counseling psychology).

Essay (between 1000-2000 words)

Using APA formatting, provide an essay that responds to the following: Ralph Ellison stated, "When I discover who I am, I'll be free." Please provide an interpretation of this statement in relation to the chronic academic underachievement of many Black youth in a global context.

7. Current GPA: _____

Is this GPA based on a 4.0 scale? Yes No

(An official copy of your current transcript is to be sent directly from your institution)

8. Provide a **curriculum vitae** (2 pages maximum) that includes descriptions of: presentations at meetings or conferences, honors and awards received, offices held in professional or community clubs, associations, and/or committees, and clinical and/or service experiences related to the Black educational experience.
9. Submit **two letters of recommendation** from individuals who can attest to your scholarship, motivation, and commitment to Black education. One of the recommendations *must* come from your major professor. Letters are to be sent directly to the scholarship committee (address noted below).

Application Checklist:

- ◇ Application Form
- ◇ Essay (1000-2000 words)
- ◇ Official Transcript
- ◇ Curriculum Vitae (2 pp max.)
- ◇ Two (2) Letters of Recommendation (one from your major advisor)

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Application materials (electronic or hard copies) are to be received by 11:59p.m. (Eastern Time) **January 31st** to the following address:

Asa Hilliard, III Scholarship Committee
c/o Cirecie A. West-Olatunji, Ph. D.
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All applicants will receive acknowledgement of receipt of their completed application within 7 days. Notifications of the award decision will be mailed by February 21st. The recipient of the Asa Hilliard, III Black Education Scholarship will receive the award at the AMCD Past Presidents Reception during the annual convention of the American Counseling Association.

For more information, contact: Cirecie A. West-Olatunji, Ph. D. Phone - 352-392-0731, Ext. 359, Fax - 352-846-2697, Email – cwestolatunji@coe.ufl.edu.