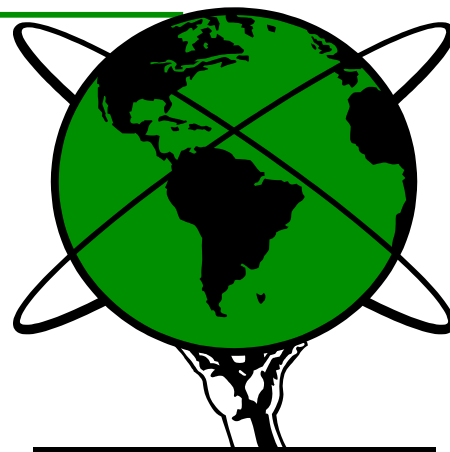


George Mason University
Black Alumni Chapter
PMB # 3712, 4450 Rivanna Lane
Fairfax, VA 22030-4441



**Mason Black Alumni Chapter
Commitment to Diversity Book Award**

The costs associated with a college education can be a barrier to gaining a college degree, particularly for students who are earning their degree with or without the assistance of financial aid, a part- or full-time job, family support, and various scholarships and grants. The Mason Black Alumni Chapter is committed to assisting these students through the Commitment to Diversity Book Award.

DESCRIPTION OF BOOK AWARD

This is a service award accompanied by a \$500 book gift card to a Mason student that demonstrates academic excellence, community service, and commitment to diversity in the Mason Community.

BOOK AWARD CRITERIA

1. Student (Applicant) must have a cumulative 3.0 GPA.
2. Student must demonstrate community service
3. Student must have completed at least one course within the African American Studies minor by the end of the fall 2009 semester or have been an active and contributing member of a Mason student organization committed to diversity.
4. Student must be enrolled for full-time study as a freshman, sophomore or junior at George Mason University in the semester that the award will be granted.

PROCEDURES (Note: incomplete applications will be disqualified immediately)

1. The Book Award Application consists of items in paragraphs 2 and 3.
2. Applicant must submit a two-page, double-spaced typewritten essay. The following must be included, along with your name, email and GID:
 - a. Community Service Activities
 - b. Honors and Achievements (Academic and Community Service)
 - c. Research/Academic Interests within the area of African American Studies or involvement with under-represented populations and/or related organizations.
3. Applicant must submit one letter of recommendation, preferably by a professor, administrator, or a community leader.
4. Book Award Applications must be completed, received and postmarked no later than **January 5, 2010**.
5. Book Award Applications should be mailed to: PMB #3712, Black Alumni Chapter, 4450 Rivanna Lane, Fairfax, VA 22030-4441.
6. Award winner will be notified via mail by January 19. Award recognition will be given during the MLK Celebration on January 28, 2010. Recipient must be present.

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