

2020-2021  
Nomination  
and  
Scholarship  
Packet



Greetings!

The **Montgomery County Alliance of Black School Educators (MCABSE)** is pleased to inform you that we will recognize graduating seniors who have been identified by their school administrators and counselors as ***Distinguished African***

***American Scholars***. This will be the 11<sup>th</sup> year for this ceremony that will be held on:

**Date:**

Friday, May 14, 2021

**Time:**

TBD

**Location/Virtual Platform:**

TBD

This nomination and scholarship packet contains information for the ***Distinguished African American Scholar*** Awards which includes:

- ❖ Introduction
- ❖ Nomination Criteria
- ❖ Timeline

***Being a MCABSE***

***Distinguished African American Scholar exemplifies the excellence of students within Montgomery County Public Schools.***

- ❖ Nomination Packet

# Introduction

**MCABSE** is an affiliate of the National Alliance of Black School Educators. The **National Alliance of Black School Educators (NABSE)** is the nation's premiere non-profit organization devoted to furthering the academic success for the nation's children of African descent. Now in its 49th year, **NABSE** boasts an outreach to more than 10,000 preeminent educators including teachers, administrators, and superintendents as well as corporate and institutional members. Founded in 1970, **NABSE** is dedicated to improving both the educational experiences and accomplishments of African American youth through the development and use of instructional and motivational methods that increase levels of inspiration, attendance and overall achievement.



# Nomination

## Criteria

MCABSE needs your help to identify students who will become the class of **2021 MCABSE Distinguished African American Scholars**. Each MCABSE Scholar will receive a certificate, a graduation cord, and an award.

Please help us identify these students in your schools. **MCABSE Scholars** are:

- ❖ Committed to leadership in their high schools and communities
- ❖ Passionate and committed to their education and demonstrate a deliberate pursuit of academic excellence
- ❖ Dedicated to their school and community
- ❖ Talented, positive, and motivated in the use of their talents
- ❖ Please **see page 5** for more detailed information and requirements.

## Timeline

**Application must be submitted electronically:**

**Friday, April 16, 2021**

**STUDENTS NOTIFIED BY:**

**Friday, May 7, 2021**

**AWARDS CEREMONY:**

**Friday, May 14, 2021**

***~All high school principals are invited and are strongly encouraged to attend.***

# Sponsors and Partners

A complete list of scholarship sponsors and partners will be listed at a future date by the MCABSE Scholarship/Awards Committee.



**P**lease complete **attachment B** and **the application packet checklist**.

Montgomery County Alliance of Black School Educators

Distinguished African American Scholar

Attachment B

2020-2021 Nomination Form

Please use the following criteria for selecting one student from your high school for recognition as:

Selection Criteria:

1. Students must be a graduating Senior from a Montgomery County Public High School.
2. Students must be of **African American origin or culture** according to the census category. (Please use student's records to verify).
3. Students hold a cumulative **GPA of 3.5 or higher**.
4. Student has demonstrated outstanding achievement in **one or more** of the following areas:
  - a. Distinguished **academic achievement** as demonstrated by academic awards or other recognitions received.
  - b. Distinguished **community service**. You may consider any outstanding service provided to the school or broader community, including Student Service Learning experiences.
  - c. Distinguished **leadership**. You may consider contributions through student government, extracurricular activities, or informal leadership roles.
5. Student essay/personal statement (see below)

Name of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Weighted GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Principal: \_\_\_\_\_

MCPS Staff completing form: \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

SAT/ACT Scores: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Service Hours Accrued: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility Requirements

- Description of student's achievements and contributions
- Two (2) letters of recommendation from administrators, counselors, teachers, or members of the community
- Copy of the student's transcripts
- Proof of acceptance at an institution of higher learning (if available) including community college and technical training schools for the 2020–2021 school year.
- Include two (2) electronic photographs of the student for awards presentation (Elementary and recent/senior year photograph). Send to [mcabsemcps@gmail.com](mailto:mcabsemcps@gmail.com)

**Incomplete packages *WILL NOT* be accepted.**

### **Personal Statement/Essay Requirements**

- **Essay** should be typed, single or double space, 12-point Times New Roman font, not more than 1 page, letter size paper.
- Please consider the following elements:
  - **Organization:** The order and development of ideas sustained across paragraphs
  - **Content:** How your ideas are developed through details, facts, opinions, and specific examples
  - **Grammar, mechanics, spelling, and sentence development**

### **Personal Statement/Essay Topic**

Tell us about a personal experience during this time of COVID that has had a major impact on you and your community. How did your response to this situation impact your community in a positive way and focus your thinking for the future?

**All completed packets are due by:**  
Friday, April 16, 2021

**Electronically Submitted by:**  
Friday, April 16, 2021

**2 photos emailed to:** [mcabsemcps@gmail.com](mailto:mcabsemcps@gmail.com)

**Email address of MCPS Staff completing form:** \_\_\_\_\_

# Montgomery County Alliance of Black School Educators

## *Distinguished African American Scholar Nomination Checklist 2020-2021*

Please use this checklist to make sure that all required documents and information are included. **Include this checklist** at the top of your completed application packet.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Description of student achievement and contributions
- \_\_\_\_\_ At least two letters of recommendation
- \_\_\_\_\_ Record of participation in student organization(s)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Copy of student's transcript
- \_\_\_\_\_ Proof of acceptance at an institution of higher learning (if available) including community college and technical training schools for the 2021–2022 school year.
- \_\_\_\_\_ If college acceptance is from an HBCU (Historically Black College/ University) please note that in your packet information.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Record of community service learning hours
- \_\_\_\_\_ Leadership contributions
- \_\_\_\_\_ Academic awards (if available)
- \_\_\_\_\_ GPA
- \_\_\_\_\_ SAT/ACT/Accuplacer scores for college (if available)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Student Essay/Personal Statement written (according to requirements)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Student's address and phone number and CORRECT email.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Email address of the MCPS staff completing the form in case we have a question about something minor in the packet.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Two (2) electronic photographs of student for use during awards presentation  
(Elementary age and recent/senior Photo); Emailed to [mcabsemcps@gmail.com](mailto:mcabsemcps@gmail.com)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Submitted on or before Friday, April 16, 2021