



# The Washington Center/Comcast Corporation Diversity in Congress Scholarship

**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR FALL SEMESTER 2006**

**Deadline:** June 30, 2006

The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars is pleased to announce a partnership with the Comcast Corporation to provide scholarships for students from diverse backgrounds attending the four Historically Black Colleges and Universities in the state of Maryland. Selected students will participate in The Washington Center's Congressional Leadership Program, which will give them the opportunity to receive academic credit from their home institutions while providing them a four and one-half day per week internship in the offices of U.S. senators and congressional representatives. The Comcast Corporation scholarships of \$4,000 per scholar will partially defray The Washington Center's program and housing costs for each recipient. Additionally, selected students who are permanent residents of the state of Maryland are eligible to receive a supplementary \$3,800 scholarship from the Maryland state government.

## Background

The Comcast Corporation Scholars participate in The Washington Center's Congressional Leadership Program, a specially designed program of study and work experiences to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the U.S. Congress and the legislative process. Activities include orientation to Capitol Hill, job training workshops, academic seminars by public policy experts, embassy visits, participation in one academic course administered by The Washington Center, and a written research paper.

Additionally, all students will participate in The Washington Center's Washington Forum. This includes the Congressional Speaker Series and the Presidential Lecture Series. Recent Congressional Speaker Series special guests included Rep. Kenny Hulshof (R-MO), Rep. Melvin Watt (D-NC), Rep. Bill Pascrell (D-NJ), and Rep. Elijah Cummings (D-MD). Recent speakers in the Presidential Lecture Series included the Honorable Thomas Foley, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Ana Escobedo Cabral, U.S. Treasurer; and the Honorable Leslie Silverman, Commissioner of the Equal Opportunity Commission.

## Scholarship Award

Recipients of the Comcast Diversity in Congress Scholarship will receive a \$4,000 scholarship to cover a portion of the student's program and housing fees at The Washington Center. Additionally, students who receive the Comcast Diversity in Congress Scholarships will be eligible for a supplementary \$3,800 scholarship from the Maryland state government if they are permanent residents of Maryland. Selected students who do not elect to live in Washington Center housing will still receive the full combined scholarship amount of \$7,800.

Selected students will be responsible for their living expenses, the cost of transportation to and from Washington, D.C., and all other miscellaneous expenses while they are with The Washington Center.



## Scholarship Eligibility

Students must:

- Attend one of four Historically Black Colleges and Universities in the state of Maryland including: Bowie State University, Coppin State University, Morgan State University, and University of Maryland-Eastern Shore.
- Be a rising junior or senior, recent college graduate, or graduate student.
- Have a 2.75 GPA or higher.
- Be eligible to earn academic credit from their home institution. (Does not apply for recent college graduates)
- Participate in the Congressional Leadership Program during the 15 week fall semester.

## Deadlines

- The Washington Center requests applications by June 30, 2006
- Fall 2006 Semester begins August 30, 2006

## Program Requirements

- 4 ½ days per week internship
- Academic course
- Congressional Speaker Series
- Presidential Lecture Series
- Embassy Visit Program
- Small Group Discussion
- Comprehensive academic evaluation
- Full program and Washington, D.C. orientation
- Other events and activities tailored to Congressional Leadership Program students

For additional information, or to download an application please visit our website: [www.twc.edu](http://www.twc.edu) or contact Ms. Roshni Lal at [RoshniL@twc.edu](mailto:RoshniL@twc.edu) or (202) 336-7567