February 27, 2017

To Whom It May Concern:

The Benjamin Banneker Association (BBA) in partnership with Casio America Inc. is proud to announce we will be awarding a $1,000 scholarship to a student in the Southwest region of our organization. The Southwest region is comprised of individuals living in Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas. To qualify for the scholarship, an applicant must be an African-American high school senior, and be in pursuit of post-secondary education in a Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics (STEM) field. This includes professional, vocational, and academic studies not limited to colleges and universities.

Attached are the application requirements for the 2017 Benjamin Banneker Association STEM Scholarship Program. We ask that you announce this opportunity to your students and/or colleagues.

Applications and the required materials should be submitted electronically to southwestrep@bannekermath.org no later than **Friday, March 25, 2017**. Our organization will select an applicant to be presented with the award during our awards ceremony on Thursday, April 6, 2017 during our annual conference celebration in San Antonio, TX. This celebration is in conjunction with the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) annual meeting and exposition.

Thank you for assisting in the promotion of the Benjamin Banneker Association STEM Scholarship. Please feel free to call me at 214.808.3746 or email me at javelojones@gmail.com with any questions.

Sincerely,

Javelo Jones
Benjamin Banneker Association
Southwest Regional Director
Benjamin Banneker Association STEM Scholarship
Application Requirements

Thank you for applying for Benjamin Banneker Association STEM Scholarship. Please be sure to submit all the required documents to be considered for this scholarship. Incomplete applications will not be processed. The requirements are as follows:

- Student must be of African-American descent
- Student must be a high school senior in pursuit of post-secondary education
- Student must provide evidence of planning to pursue a post-secondary education in (or related to) a Science, Technology, Engineering, or Math (STEM) field. A letter of acceptance from a post-secondary program can be used.
- Student must have an unweighted grade point average of 3.5 (On a 4.0 scale.)
- Two letters of recommendation must be submitted with the application, one of which should be from a STEM subject teacher. The teacher should have knowledge of your progress in mathematics.
- Students must write a 500 word, two-page essay explaining how math has helped them in the past and present, and how they hope to apply it to their future.

*Awards will be presented once the student provides proof that he/she has been accepted to a post-secondary program.*