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**InSpire Magazine and InSpire Us Foundation Presents
Ms. Nancy Jones O'Neal Memorial Scholarship**

Ms. Nancy Jones O'Neal Scholarship will award up to three \$2,500 scholarships to graduating seniors from the Newark Public Schools

ELIGIBILITY

A minimum of overall GPA of 3.00/4.00.

Selection Criteria

The scholarship committee will evaluate each applicant based on the following criteria:

- *Educational Data
- *Academic Data
- *Leadership Ability
- *Citizenship
- *Extracurricular Activities
- *Personal Motivation
- *Essay
- *etc

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RESTRICTIONS

All scholarship funds will be used during the current school of the recipients first year at an accredited college/university or Vocational (trade) institution. Funds can either be mailed directly to the college or institution of higher learning to parents or student for use towards tuition, fees, and books. The total award amount will be one annual installment. Furthermore, the applicant will need to present the committee with a validated class schedule from their institution's Business Office.

All scholarship recipients MUST attend the Scholarship Gala along with their parent and/or guardian. The Scholarship Gala is scheduled for **Saturday, September 27, 2008 at 6:00pm-9:00pm at the Holiday Inn Airport.**

APPLICATION DEADLINE

September 8, 2008

APPLICATION COMPLETION CHECKLIST BELOW:

PLEASE SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING:

___ Application Form

___ Achievements

___ Letter of Intent and institution's accepting letter (page 5)

___ High School Transcripts of all grades (9th thru 12th).

___ A copy of the printout of the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)/ACT scores) from the Admission Testing Program of the College Board.

___ Essay: Submit a typewritten essay of two pages or less outlining personal goals that you seek to accomplish with further education.

___ **Letters: Three (3) letters of recommendation from your teachers.**
(This is a mandatory requirement)

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MAIL Scholarship Application to:

InSpire Magazine

Northeast Regional Office

c/o Mr. Gary Jones

1809 Springfield Ave.

Maplewood, NJ 07040

PLEASE PRINT IN INK OR TYPE:

PERSONAL DATA

NAME _____ AGE: _____ SEX _____

ADDRESS: _____ Social Security No: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

PHONE: _____

NAME OF PARENTS OR GUARDIAN: _____

YEAR PARENT/GUARDIAN/GRANDPARENT JOIN REBECCA CHAPTER _____

EDUCATIONAL DATA

List all High Schools you attended. Begin with current school.

SCHOOL	LOCATION	DATE ATTENDED
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_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE: _____

CLASS RANK: _____ OF _____

TEST SCORES: SAT: _____ AND/OR ACT: _____ **NOTE: Copy of a printout must be attached.**

I plan to major in: _____

I have applied to: COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY/VOCATIONAL TECH

*** If accepted, attach a copy of the institution's accepting letter with application. (where applicable)

ACHIEVEMENTS

SCHOLASTIC HONORS: List honor societies, special awards and other scholastic honors. Indicate if you have been an officer in any honor society.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: List any activities during your four years of high school. Include athletics, music, publications, ROTC, drama, student government and any other clubs or activities in which you participated. Indicate if you have been an officer in any of these organizations, and how many years you participated.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: List any community activities such as church, Red Cross, Knights Pythagoras, Youth Doves, scouts, 4-H, volunteer work, etc. Indicate if you served as an officer/leader in any of these organizations, and how many years you participated. List any awards or honors you received for your activity. Be sure to list all church activities in which you have been involved; (i.e. Sunday School, Mission, Choir, Usher, etc.)

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY: List any paying jobs you have held. Indicate your dates of employment, and whether or not you worked while school was in session. Please state if you worked on Saturday or Sunday. Name the employer(s).

TEACHERS EVALUATION: Provide three (3) letters of recommendation from your school teachers. This is a mandatory requirement.

STUDENT ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP LETTER OF INTENT

I, _____, in applying for and/ or accepting the scholarship, do understand and agree to the following conditions:

1. The award is to be used at an accredited college/institution of higher learning or vocational school during the next school year. If extenuating circumstances exist, I will notify the Scholarship Chairperson immediately
2. Should I receive a service academy appointment or full scholarship, I agree to notify the Scholarship Chairperson or Rebecca Chapter's Worthy Matron immediately, in order that the scholarship may be used for an alternate selected.
3. I agree to the use of my name and picture concerning this award in local publications, TV, etc.
4. I understand that the scholarship committee reserves the right to correspond with the selected high school counselor and the college's financial aid officer concerning the appropriate use of this award. Should questions or concerns arise, the scholarship committee reserves the right to withdraw unused funds until my standing is clarified to their satisfaction.
5. I certify that the information contained in this application is accurate and truthful to the best of my knowledge.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE **DATE**

SPONSOR/PARENT'S SIGNATURE **DATE**

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About Ms. Nancy Jones O'Neal

Ms. Nancy Deloris O'Neal (aka Lois) is the daughter of the Late Levi and Carrie Jones. She was born November 16, 1956, in Fairmont, North Carolina. Nancy entered into eternal rest on August 11, 2006 at University Hospital in Newark, New Jersey.

Nancy graduated from Central High School in 1974. She attended various business and health training schools in Newark, New Jersey. Nancy had been employed by the Saint Barnabas Medical Center for over seven years as a Nursing Assistant. She was also employed as a Home Health Aide with various Nursing Agencies until a physical injury abruptly ended her career. Although Nancy was injured, her passion to serve others would not allow her to rest. She worked tirelessly as a volunteer for many community, and educational organizations including the Newark, NJ branch of the NAACP. She also volunteered as a member of the West Ward Senior Citizens' Council. Additionally, she dedicated herself as a loyal and hard-working volunteer at the City Hall of Newark, NJ. Nancy also demonstrated her commitment to service as a volunteer in the office of Council Woman Mamia Bridgeforth.

She was a devoted member of the Holy Nation Christian Center where Pastor Rayford Jones presided. She later became a member of the Provision of Promise Church where the Pastor Joseph Leonard Jr. presides.

Nancy was an active member of her church and regularly attended, Bible Study. She also served on the Missionary Board, and received her license as an evangelist in 2005. Nancy was well loved and will be missed dearly by her community and church family.

Those who knew Nancy found her to be kind, understanding, friendly and caring. Nancy made conversation wherever she went. She was the kind of person to engage in conversation freely, as she saw no person as a stranger. If the conversation lasted over 10 minutes, you can believe she would exchange phone numbers with you "and keep in touch." Nancy was a very observant person who was able to feel your spirit and could determine if something was bothering you. She would say "**Pray about it**" and everything will be ok. Words cannot truly express what she meant to the many lives she has touched.

She met John O'Neal aka (Pop) and later married in 1992.

Nancy leaves to cherish her memory her husband John O'Neal, three children, John, Lawanna and Jahad Jones, three grandchildren, John Jr., & Johnae Jones and Mia Jones, six siblings, Billy Ray of Virginia, Samuel of Irvington, Doris of Hillside, Bruce of Newark, Cynthia of Newark, and Lee Jones of Florida, two sister-in-laws, Sherrie and Cheryl, and one brother-in-law Dan Sr., and a host of friends and Associates.

