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Desiree V Cooper Foundation Receives Robert Wood Johnson Grant

WASHINGTON, DC. (February 22, 2022)—The Desiree V. Cooper (DVC) Memorial Scholarship Foundation is pleased to accept the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation President's Grant Fund of the Princeton Area Community Foundation. This grant will allow the fund to increase the scholarship amounts given in its four categories and fund awards for the next three years. The Washington DC Alumnae Foundation Inc (<https://wdcaf.org/>) will support administration of this grant.

The DVC Foundation offers scholarships to talented minority applicants seeking licensure in the field of architecture. These need-based scholarships will supplement expenses for the Architecture Registration Exam (ARE). The Foundation offers four awards: The Black Women in Architecture Award, The Harrisburg (PA) Memorial Award, The DC Memorial Award, and The NOMA award.

Promising applicants for the scholarship will have a proven track record of commitment to the community, professional achievements and significant contributions to the field of architecture. The scholarships are awarded to minority candidates who reside in or attended school in Pennsylvania, are residents of Maryland, Virginia or Washington DC, or NOMA members. Applications can be accessed <http://www.bit.ly/DVC-ARE-SCHOL>, the submission deadline for applications is April 30, 2022. Winners will be notified in May 2022 through email and announced on social media.

Currently, 539 African-American women are licensed to practice architecture in the United States (blackarchitect.us). This number represents only about 0.4% of the total registered architects in the nation. Only 2,445 African-Americans total are licensed in the US. Recognizing the expense of the ARE and study materials can be a barrier for people of color pursuing licensure in architecture, the DVC Memorial Scholarship Foundation created a scholarship to provide financial support and resources to increase the number of women and minority licensed architects.

About The DVC Memorial Scholarship Foundation

The DVC Memorial Scholarship Foundation was founded in 2017 and seeks to honor the life and legacy of Desiree Cooper. Her friends and family hope to champion the things she was passionate about in her professional career and personal endeavors: providing continual service to her communities and encouraging minorities and women in the advancement of their careers in architecture. The Foundation is pleased to offer four scholarships: The Black Women in Architecture Award, The Harrisburg Memorial Award, The DC Memorial Award, and The NOMA Award. The NOMA Foundation (EIN 95-4609045) is the fiscal sponsor of the DVC Memorial Scholarship.

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