



ASPIRING WRITER SCHOLARSHIP

“Call for Entries”

**The nation’s largest reading group for Black women
The Go On Girl! Book Club, Inc.
invites you to write your way to \$500!**



Founded in 1991, The Go On Girls are a spirited group of sisters who love a good read. We currently boast 29 chapters in 12 states with more than 350 members. Our mission is to encourage the literary pursuits of people of African descent. In this vain, since 1993, we have bestowed our coveted “Author of the Year” award and our “New Author of the Year” award on such talents as Octavia Butler, Gloria Naylor, Valerie Wilson Wesley, Connie Briscoe, Stephen L. Carter and Pearl Cleage, just to name a few. In the year 2008, we will host our annual awards weekend in Toronto, Canada. Will you be honored there among our literary giants? Read on for details on how to apply for the prestigious **Go On Girl! Aspiring Writer Scholarship**.

Scholarship Guidelines:

- Candidate must be a full-time sophomore or junior majoring in English, Literature, Journalism or a related area of study at any historically Black college or university
- Candidate must possess a cumulative grade-point average of 3.0 or better (please provide transcript)
- Candidate must submit a 500-word essay on the topic “The Power of The Written Word”
- Candidate must mail **two** letters of recommendation: one from a school administrator and one from a person of your choosing
- Candidate must include a cover sheet with the following: applicant’s name, address, telephone number and e-mail where possible; school name, address and telephone number; year in school (i.e., sophomore), major and cumulative grade-point average
- Mail your cover sheet, transcript, recommendation letters and essay by February 15, 2009 to: **GOG Scholarship Committee; Pat Houser;**
 - **P.O. Box 1656; New York, NY 10163-1656**
- The \$500 winner will be notified by March 30, 2009, and will be invited, along with a guest, to attend our annual awards ceremony. The winner’s essay may be featured in the Go On Girl! quarterly newsletter and on our website.

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY FEBRUARY 15, 2009

*For more information about the Aspiring Writer Scholarship, contact pathouser@aol.com.
For more information about the Go On Girl! Book Club, check out our website at www.goongirl.org or read the book **The Go On Girl! Book Club Guide for Reading Groups** (Hyperion), available at bookstores nationwide.*