



# Wanda M. Coleman Continuing Student Award

2021-2022  
Application

WANDA M. COLEMAN  
LIFE ...LEGACY  
[1960-1995]



**Wanda Marie Mitchell Coleman** was born in Cleveland, Ohio on November 16, 1960. Coleman's position at Cleveland State University involved working with many campus cultural activities, numerous student programs and various minority organizations on campus. She was the recipient of the Outstanding Student Advisor Award in 1993 and 1994, the Outstanding Young Woman in American Recognition in 1991, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Civil Rights Award in 1990, and the NAACP National College Chapter Award in 1989, 1991, 1993 and 1994. She was featured in The Plain

Dealer as part of WZAK-FM 93's Black Profiles Salute.

In addition to her extensive work at Cleveland State University, Wanda M. Coleman also worked in various capacities with the NAACP and other community agencies. Her community activities included volunteer work with the YWCA's North Central Center in East Cleveland, Junior Achievement, the Children's Community Choir and the Messengers of Joy Gospel Choir at Cleveland State University. She had recently been elected President of the Parent/Teacher Organization at New Hope Christian Academy where her daughter, Krissia, attended.

Education was a priority for Wanda M. Coleman as she earned a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from Cleveland State University in 1990 and had recently applied for a fellowship with the National Urban Fellows, Inc. in New York City.

Wanda M. Coleman was employed in a dual capacity at Cleveland State University, Program Specialist for the Office of Minority Affairs and Human Relations and Coordinator for Alumni Affairs. In keeping with Coleman's student-centered approach to her work, she and five other representatives of Cleveland State University attended the funeral of slain Cleveland State University basketball star, Jamal Jackson. On August 24, 1995, as they returned from Boston, Wanda M. Coleman was involved in a fatal car accident. Hundreds mourned her untimely death.

*The Cleveland State University Black Faculty and Staff Organization and the  
Wanda M. Coleman Scholarship Committee Presents*

**THE WANDA M. COLEMAN CONTINUING STUDENT AWARD**

**CRITERIA AND GUIDELINES:**

- A full-time African-American undergraduate student with junior standing or above with a minimum of 60 earned credit hours
- A cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.50
- Demonstrated leadership or participation in a campus activity and/or civic community program
- The award is applied toward tuition. Two (2) \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded

**PROCESS:**

- Submit the completed application form
- Explain why you want the Wanda M. Coleman Continuing Student Award
- Submit a copy of your academic transcript. Winners will be required to submit an *official* transcript
- Submit two (2) letters of recommendation from persons who are familiar with your work in school, or the community demonstrating your leadership capabilities
- Submit essay. Choose **one** of the following topics and write a 250 word essay:
  1. Discuss some of the major obstacles you have encountered in the pursuit of your academic goals and how you dealt with them. Based on your personal experience, what advice would you give to others contemplating attending college?
  2. How will you add to the educational legacy of Wanda M. Coleman?

The essay will be judged on the basis of the development and expression of ideas, organization, grammatical and mechanical accuracy. The document should be typed and double-spaced. All documents must be submitted by the deadline. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Return the completed application packet to: Stephanie Nunley, Chairperson of the Wanda M. Coleman Award Committee, via email: [S.nunley@csuohi.edu](mailto:S.nunley@csuohi.edu)

Employees of Cleveland State University, spouses of employees and children or dependents of employees are not eligible to apply for this award. This is a tuition-only based scholarship.

**Application Deadline is Thursday, April 1, 2021**

# The Wanda M. Coleman Continuing Student Award

## Application Form

Directions: *(Please type or print)* Cleveland State University undergraduate students interested in applying for The Wanda M. Coleman Continuing Student Award must submit completed application form, copy of current transcript, two letters of recommendations, and an essay. All requested information must be included at the time this application is submitted.

### General Information

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID # \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_

Race/Ethnicity \_\_\_\_\_

### Academic Information

Current College \_\_\_\_\_ Major \_\_\_\_\_

Academic Level (i.e. Sophomore, Junior) \_\_\_\_\_ Last Term Completed \_\_\_\_\_

Date Degree Expected \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative Credit Hours \_\_\_\_\_ GPA \_\_\_\_\_

**Activities**

List campus activities, offices held, honors, community activities, and/or student groups, organizations: (attach a separate sheet if necessary)

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Briefly explain why you want The Wanda M. Coleman Continuing Student Award

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I affirm that the information reported on this application is accurate and true to the best of my knowledge, and authorize the release of this information to the Wanda M. Coleman Continuing Student Award Committee.

Signature of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Contact Stephanie Nunley at (216) 523- 7411 or [s.nunley@csuohio.edu](mailto:s.nunley@csuohio.edu) if you have questions or concerns.

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