

**Gates  
Millennium  
Scholars**

April 15, 2008

Dear Sherella,

Congratulations! We are very pleased to inform you of your selection as a Gates Scholar. This year the Gates Millennium Scholars (GMS) Program attracted over 13,000 applicants. It is a distinct honor for you to be recognized as one of the 1,000 Gates Scholars for the GMS Class of 2008. We commend you on your strong leadership, community service and academic achievements that have distinguished you as a *Leader for America's Future*.™

As a Gates Scholar, GMS funds are available for you to attend any U.S. accredited\* college or university of your choice. As a full-time enrolled student, you may switch your enrollment from one accredited institution to another, either in a new academic year or within an academic year. However, you must abide by the stipulations of the institution and must submit all required GMS documentation for funding consideration.

This is a renewable scholarship based on Program guidelines. Throughout your undergraduate career, GMS will annually review your financial aid award to determine a new scholarship amount for each year you are eligible. In addition, upon annual review of the aid package, we can continue funding for your education through the masters and doctoral levels if you pursue graduate studies in the fields of computer science, education, engineering, library science, mathematics, public health or science.

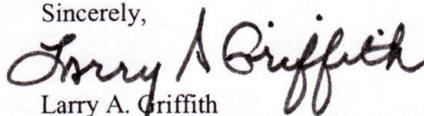
In order to determine the amount of your **2008-2009** GMS academic year award, **please send us a copy of your admissions letter (if you haven't already done so), the enclosed GMS Information Sheet completed by your financial aid counselor, and the corresponding financial aid award letter to the institution you will attend in the fall. Please send these documents as soon as possible, but no later than May 22, 2008.**

The GMS program is much more than a scholarship. Our Leadership and Scholar Relations programs offer Academic Empowerment services (ACE) to support your academic success and graduate education planning. In addition, we provide a wide range of resources including a mentoring program, an online resource center that gives you access to internships, fellowships, and scholarships, and the opportunity to attend the annual GMS leadership conference. Please review the documents included with this letter as they will provide you with an overview of many of the GMS initiatives.

Should you have any questions about GMS or your scholarship, please do not hesitate to contact us at 1-877-690-GMSP (4677).

Again, congratulations on being selected for this distinguished award. Be sure to also thank your Nominator and Recommender for their support and confidence in your potential.

Sincerely,



Larry A. Griffith  
Vice President, UNCF  
Gates Millennium Scholars Program

\*please see the GMS Administrative Guidelines for approved accreditation bodies.

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