



**City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
September 9, 2008**

ITEM TITLE:

Presentation of 2008/2009 Donald R. Hopkins Scholarship awards to Latifha T. Williams, Stephanie Glover and Monica White.

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

In 1990, per Resolution 27315, the City of Coral Gables established a scholarship program to be given annually to a black graduate student who is a resident of the City Beautiful. Originally named the "Mayor Emeritus Scholarship Program," it was later renamed "The Donald R. Hopkins Scholarship." Dr. Hopkins was a former resident of Coral Gables. He received his BS from Morehouse College, his Doctor of Medicine from the University of Chicago, and his Master of Public Health degree from Harvard. Dr. Hopkins is the Associate Executive Director of the Carter Center where he directs all health programs. Prior to joining the Carter Center in 1987, he served as Deputy Director (1984-1987) and Acting Director (1985) of the Centers for Disease Control. Dr. Hopkins was instrumental in the eradication of the Guinea Worm disease and the control of River Blindness worldwide.

Each year, the Donald R. Hopkins Scholarship Committee meets to review candidates with the assistance of college advisors from Coral Gables Senior High School and City Staff. Committee members include Mr. & Mrs. William Cooper, Ms. Leona Cooper Baker, Mr. Dan Finora, Gail Payne and former Commissioner Jim Barker, a driving force behind the formation of the scholarship. The award is for \$5,000 and may be renewed for up to three additional years provided all requirements and conditions of the scholarship award continue to be satisfied and documented.

The Committee has elected to divide the award between Ms. Latifha T. Williams, Ms. Stephanie Glover and Ms. Monica White. Ms. Williams plans to attend Tallahassee Community College, Ms. Glover and Ms. White will attend Miami-Dade Community College.

ATTACHMENT(S):

Latifha T. Williams and Stephanie Glover. and Monica White applications