



City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
September 8, 2020

ITEM TITLE:

Resolution. A Resolution of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida, accepting the recommendation of the Donald R. Hopkins and William A. Cooper Scholarship Committee and naming Ashanti Gibson as the recipient of the 2020 Donald R. Hopkins and William A. Cooper Scholarship Award in the amount of \$2,500.

DEPARTMENT HEAD RECOMMENDATION:

Approval

BRIEF HISTORY:

The Donald R. Hopkins and William A. Cooper Scholarship Program was established in 1989 by the City of Coral Gables to help student-residents complete their educational and career goals. The scholarship is named after two prestigious African American city residents, each of whom impacted the community in his own way.

The Hopkins/Cooper Scholarship is based on several factors, including residency in the MacFarlane Homestead/Golden Gate boundaries, financial need, and academic performance. Students must attend a Miami-Dade County High School and have minimum 2.5 GPA in order to apply. The MacFarlane Homestead is a U.S. historic district located in Coral Gables, Florida. The district is bounded by Jefferson Street, Frow Avenue, Brooker Street and Grand Avenue. The adjacent Golden Gate neighborhood is bounded by South Dixie Hwy., Grand Avenue, Lincoln Drive and Le Jeune Road.

The scholarship is available on a competitive basis with awards generally ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000 annually. The original award amount may be renewed for up to three additional years, provided the recipient continues to maintain a 2.5 GPA, Coral Gables residency and full-time enrollment in a college or university. Proof of continued qualifications must be submitted to the City of Coral Gables on an annual basis.

BOARD/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION(S):

Date.	Board/Committee	Comments
	Donald R. Hopkins and William A. Cooper Scholarship Committee	Recommended approval

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Draft Resolution