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It is amazing how quickly we ushered in 2016. This year's headlines and sound bites already reflect that it will be unpredictable and ever-changing. However, what is predictable and never changing is Hampton Roads Black Media Professional's commitment to provide scholarships to eligible African American students and to support HRBMP's people, priorities and programs.

HRBMP is the area's oldest and largest organization for minorities in media and communications. It is the affiliate chapter of the National Association of Black Journalists, Inc. Since its inception in 1982, HRBMP has provided more than \$130,000 in scholarships to young men and women who have truly benefited from the generous contributions of our corporate community. We remain grateful.

HRBMP members continue to produce and participate in programs that assist local high schools, colleges and universities. Our members serve as mentors to students interested in media careers, support the professional development of media professionals and coordinate town halls and community forums to facilitate meaningful conversations to highlight the good and help resolve issues of concern.

We have much to accomplish during the next several months. While our flagship event continues to be our HRBMP Scholarship Program, this year's agenda also includes a Town Hall on Bullying and Racism in Public Schools. HRBMP will also participate in the 2016 NABJ regional conference in Baltimore, MD, *One Year After Freddie Gray: Navigating Social Justice in Journalism*, and in the NABJ joint national convention with the National Association of Hispanic Journalists, Inc. in Washington D.C. We have much to do to remain a relevant and current resource for our community.

We need your help. We are asking you to be a financial partner with us. Your sponsorship would greatly enhance our efforts to make a significant impact within our area. HRBMP is a 509(a) (1) organization and contributions are tax deductible under Virginia state law. The levels and benefits are as follows:

- Titanium, \$5,000.00
Corporate/Organizational name printed on the scholarship certificate, VIP attendance and brief speaking opportunity during HRBMP-hosted public events, one-time exclusive news brief in our on-line corporate spotlight, visibility on the HRBMP website homepage, name included in HRBMP media releases and event signage as appropriate

- Platinum, \$2,500.00
VIP attendance and brief speaking opportunity during HRBMP-hosted public events, one-time exclusive news brief in our on-line corporate

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spotlight, visibility on the HRBMP website homepage, name included in media releases, event programs and event signage as appropriate

- Gold, \$1,000.00
VIP attendance at the scholarship awards activity, organization listed on the HRBMP website, name included in HRBMP media releases, event programs and event signage as appropriate
- Silver, \$500.00
Recognition at the scholarship awards activity, organization listed on the HRBMP website, name included in HRBMP media releases and event programs as appropriate
- Bronze, \$300.00
Recognition at the scholarship awards activity, organization listed on the HRBMP website, name listed in the scholarship event's printed program

In order to meet our programmatic goals, our deadline for contributions is Monday, February 15. To partner with us, please complete and return the attached 2016 Sponsorship Commitment Form.

To better familiarize you with our organization, listed below are HRBMP's former presidents and lifetime members. We also invite you to visit our website, www.hrbmp.org. If additional information is required, please contact me, Karen Wilson, by email at, president@hrbmp.org, or by phone 757-879-6351. I thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Karen Eure Wilson
President, HRBMP

Former Presidents/Lifetime Members

Hampton Roads Black Media Professionals, Inc.

***** 2016 SPONSORSHIP COMMITMENT FORM *****

1982-84	Don Roberts	1996-97	Beverly Williams	2007-09	Katrice Hardy-Franklin
1984-86	Regina Mobley	1997-98	Barbara Ciara		
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1990-94	Barbara Ciara	2001-03	Marvin L. Lake	2014	Karen Eure Wilson
1994-95	Ted Heck	2003-05	Kafi Rouse		
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Sponsorship Levels

Sponsorship Commitment Deadline: February 15, 2016

Date: _____

Sponsorship Level: Titanium (\$5,000) Platinum (\$2,500) Gold (\$1,000)
 Silver (\$500) Bronze (\$300)

Company Name: _____

Name to be listed in promotional material (if different from above) _____

Company Representative: _____

Title of Company Representative: _____

Authorized Signature: _____

Company Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

- Check submitted in the amount of \$ _____
- Please invoice me. (*Payment is kindly requested by February 15, 2016*)

Please return Commitment Form and check made payable to HRBMP:

HRBMP Financial Officer
P. O. Box 2622 -- Norfolk, VA 23501-2622
or email form to sharrison33@verizon.net.

You may also submit your charitable contribution on-line at
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