CHARLES AND PAMELA OGLETREE ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

The University of the District of Columbia Foundation, Inc. is pleased to announce the availability of the Charles and Pamela Ogletree Scholarship. The endowed scholarship fund was established by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ogletree, Jr. of Cambridge, MA. Mr. Ogletree is recognized throughout the nation as an educator and equal rights leader committed to providing legislative services for constituents. The intent of the Charles and Pamela Ogletree Scholarship is to provide funds to support first-generation students who attend a college or university (first in his or her family).

Mr. Ogletree graduated from Stanford University with degrees in political science and earned a J.D. in 1978 from the Harvard Law School. He began his career at the Washington, DC Public Defender’s Office and gained a reputation for his cool, collected and formidable courtroom presence. He taught law at Antioch Law School and American University School of Law in Washington, DC. He later returned to his alma mater, Harvard Law School, as a law professor and director for clinical programs. Mr. Ogletree served as a member of the University of the District of Columbia Board of Trustees from 1999 through 2006. He was elected as chair in 2000 and held the position until his departure. As an advocate for improving educational opportunities for needy students, he has established scholarship funds and continues to voice disparities in the community through publications and as a television commentator and moderator.

Scholarship Award: The Charles and Pamela Ogletree Scholarship is a four-year award and supports tuition and fees for the spring and fall semesters and summer sessions provided the recipient remains eligible. The student must be a current year District of Columbia Public School (DCPS) graduate. Continuing eligibility for the award will be determined each year. Awards are non-transferable and non-negotiable for cash. Awardees will be known as “Ogletree Scholars.”

Eligibility: Applicants must reside in the District of Columbia, be enrolled as a full-time student in a four-year program, have and maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.0, and be willing to commit and participate in one University leadership position.

Applicants must submit a typewritten, double-spaced 500-word essay on one of the following topics:

1. Congress has just voted to allow 18 year olds to run for president of the United States. You have decided to run for that office. Why have you chosen to run, and what are your three most important agenda items?

2. If you could change places with another person for one year (past or present), who would you choose to be, why and what would you do?
3. When someone asks you to describe yourself, where do you begin—with your agenda, your race, your religion or your talents? Everyone is multifaceted. What would you bring to the University of the District of Columbia community?

Applicants must also submit three (3) letters of recommendation from persons other than family members who know the applicant well; one (1) letter from a principal, president, dean, chairperson, teacher, professor, counselor, or a community leader. Applications must include official copies of school or college transcripts.

Deadline for Applications: Applicants must submit entries to the UDC Foundation, Inc., Attn: Ms. Edna M. King, Bldg. 39, Rm. 301N, 4200 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20008 before March 1* (if this date falls on a non-workday, the next business day applies).

Selection: Scholarship recipients will be selected by the University of the District of Columbia Scholarship Committee. For additional information, contact the UDC Foundation, Inc. on (202) 274-5312.

*Extended through August 31, 2007