



The African American Hall of Fame Museum **2020 - 2021 ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS**

SPONSORS

The African American Hall of Fame Museum (AAHFM) supports African American graduating seniors of Peoria Public Schools, Quest Academy and Bloomington/Normal Schools who are pursuing higher education at an accredited college or university.

As community leaders we encourage and promote high academic achievement. Scholarships are awarded to support academic excellence and encourage community involvement among African American students. We believe that we can encourage our youth to seek higher education by providing financial assistance. The scholarship recipients will be notified by February 19, 2021.

Due to the new coronavirus and social distancing, we will not be having our annual Red Black and Green Ball to honor or scholarship recipients. We will be sending out press releases to your local newspapers requesting that they publish the names of our scholarship recipients.

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SCHOLARSHIP DESCRIPTION

The scholarships are one-year, non-renewable monetary awards to be applied toward expenses incurred to attend an accredited college or university. The awards will be disbursed to the recipient's school of choice at the beginning of the Fall semester of the freshman year. Proof of full-time enrollment (minimum of 12 credit hours) must be provided.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Selection of scholarship recipients will be based upon the following criteria:

- African American resident of Peoria Public School District 150, Quest Academy and Bloomington/Normal schools.
- **2021** graduating high school senior
- Minimum high school cumulative grade point average of 3.2 on a 4.0 or 5.0 scale
- Leadership qualities as evidenced by activities, interests and affiliations within school and the community
- Acceptance at an accredited college or university for the 2020-2021 academic year

APPLICATION PROCESS

Complete and sign the enclosed application form and attach the following:

- One color photo of the applicant (headshot).
- Official high school transcript (through the seventh semester) including cumulative grade point average
- Copy of admission letter to an accredited college or university for the 2020-2021 academic year

- Two letters of reference (including name, address, and telephone number) - one from a teacher or counselor, and one from an adult (other than a relative or personal friend), who can attest to your character
- Complete an essay on “**How Does Knowing History Help Shape Your Future?**”
 - Minimum 500 words
 - Double spaced
 - 12 fonts
- **Incomplete applications and/or applications postmarked after January 25, 2021, will not be considered.**

SUCCESSFUL APPLICANT EXPECTATION

Applicants who are chosen to receive a scholarship must agree to the following:

In order for the Board to send you your scholarship award monies, you need to provide and agree to the following. It is important that we document and share with our scholarship donors how you are progressing in school.

1. Submit a letter of acceptance from the school you will be attending by July 12, 2021.
2. Submit a copy of your 2021 Fall class schedule July 12, 2021.
3. Submit the name of the university, school ID number and accounting address as to where to mail the funds.

Completed application and attachments must be postmarked by January 25, 2021 if mailed (email submission is preferred) to:

Bobby Gray, Scholarship Co-Chairperson
 African American Hall of Fame Museum
 309 S. DuSable Street
 Peoria, Il 61602

Applications may be scanned and emailed by January 25, 2021 to:

Bjgblm@yahoo.com

2020 - 2021 ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Permanent Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Birthdate _____

Email address _____

Female _____ Male _____ Race/Ethnicity _____

High School _____ GPA _____ Class Rank _____ ACT _____

Parent(s) or Legal Guardian (s) Name _____

Parent(s) or Legal Guardian (s) Telephone Number _____

Parent(s) or Legal Guardian (s) Email Address _____

Address (if different than applicant's) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Father's Occupation and Employer _____

Mother's Occupation and Employer _____

College/University Acceptance:

School _____ City/State _____

Intended Major _____

List your **past** involvement in extracurricular activities, academic clubs and any offices held, civic and service organizations, sports, etc. (Attach additional sheet if needed.)

List any awards, honors or special recognition you have received.

To the best of my knowledge, the information provided in completion of this application is accurate and complete as of the date indicated below.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent's/Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____

Mail to (email is preferred):
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Scan and email to: Bjgblm@yahoo.com

POST MARK / EMAIL DEADLINE: *January 25, 2020*

Scholarship Application Checklist (√)

To ensure that your application is given full consideration, please complete and enclose this checklist with your application:

- _____ One color photo of the applicant (headshot)
- _____ Official high school transcript (through the seventh semester)
including cumulative grade point average
- _____ Copy of admission letter to an accredited college or university for the 2019-2020 academic year
- _____ Letter of reference (including name, address, and telephone number) from a teacher or counselor
- _____ Letter of reference (including name, address, and telephone number) from an adult (other than a relative or personal friend), who can attest to your character
- _____ Completed essay on “How Does Knowing History Help Shape Your Future?” (minimum 500 words, double spaced and 12 font)
- _____ Applicant signature and date are included on the application form
- _____ Parent/Guardian signature and date are included on the application form

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