

**National Association of Buffalo Soldiers & Troopers Motorcycle Club
Tampa Bay Chapter**

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One Club – One Patch – One Mindset

January 30, 2019

Greetings,

The Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club of Florida, Inc., (BSMC, Tampa Bay Chapter) announces its “Ready Forward College Scholarship” program for high school seniors within the following counties: Hillsborough, Pinellas, Hernando, Pasco, and Polk. Four (4) \$500.00 scholarships will be awarded to two male and two female students based on their academic achievement, community service and other criteria as detailed in the application package.

All applications must be completed and postmarked by midnight on April 30, 2019. Interested applicants can view and download the application from our website: www.bsmcflorida.org or you may duplicate the attached application. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

The BSMC, Tampa Bay Chapter is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to educate the public on the history of the original Buffalo Soldiers and their contribution to the growth of this country while our members serve as positive role models for youth in our communities.

If you have questions please contact Mr. Anthony Smith, the Scholarship Committee Chair, at 813-380-1018 or via email at trks.bsmcfl@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from your students.

Respectfully,

Karen “Top6” Chambers
President
National Association of Buffalo Soldiers and Troopers Motorcycle Club
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Ready Forward College Scholarship Application

**Application Deadline
Postmarked by April 30, 2019**

Point of Contact for additional questions or information:

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Scholarship Eligibility Requirements:

Must have a GPA of at least 3.0, be active in school and the community, have applied to a 2- or 4-year institution of higher learning and complete all of the additional requirements outlined below.

Application instructions and requirements:

1. Complete all forms in this package. Do not omit anything.
2. Write a letter of introduction sharing who you are, what you’ve accomplished to date, your family background, and some of your future goals.
3. Submit one (1) letter of recommendation on letterhead with the original signature. The letter may be from a school official, an officer of the church, or a community leader.
4. Write one (1) 500-word essay on one of the two topics below:
 - a. In what ways does the Buffalo Soldier legacy of the 9th and 10th Cavalries inspire you and why is it necessary to pass this legacy on to future generations?
 - b. Buffalo Soldiers exemplify many positive character traits. Please provide examples of at least two traits and briefly describe how they can help mold or shape your life in the future.
5. Submit a copy of your high school transcript. All candidates must have at least a GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale).
6. Submit a copy of your letter of acceptance to a 2- or 4-year college or university, if available. Must be provided no later than May 31, 2019.
7. Attach a head shot photograph with your full name on the back of the photo. The photograph can be a cap and gown, senior, or other such photo.
8. Submit your complete application package by April 30, 2019 to: BSMC-FL, Inc

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Tampa, FL 33687

Ready Forward College Scholarship Application

(Please attach a photo head shot with your full name on the back)

Application Deadline: April 30, 2019

Personal Information:

Name:			
Address:			
City:		State:	
Zip Code:		Email:	
Home Phone:		Cell Phone:	
Date of Birth:		Gender:	
Mother/Legal Guardian name		Phone No.	Email address:
Father/Legal Guardian name		Phone No.	Email address:

Academic Information:

High School Name:		City / State	
High School Address			
Graduation Date:		GPA:	

College Information (If you have not finalized your college choice, provide your 1st and 2nd choice school.):

College Name:		City / State:	
Institution Type: (Circle one)	Four-Year	Two-Year	Expected graduation date:
Degree Sought: (Circle one)	Associates	Bachelors	
Major:			

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Institution Type: (Circle one)	Four-Year	Two-Year	Expected graduation

Degree Sought: (Circle one)	Associates	Bachelors	date:	
Major:				

Have you been accepted to either or both college(s) and/or did you participate in dual enrollment? (Please explain as needed)

Honors and Awards:

Use this space to provide the applicant's honors and awards during the applicant's academic career. **Do not attach a resume in lieu of completing this form. It will not be reviewed.**

Description of the award/honor			
Awarded by		Academic Year of Award	

Honors and Award (continued)

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Applicant Service, Extracurricular Activities and Work Experience:

Use this space to provide the applicant's volunteer service, extracurricular activities and work experience during the applicant's academic career. **Do not attach a resume in lieu of completing this form. It will not be reviewed.**

Description	Circle one: Service Extracurricular Work		
Total Hours or Average Hours per week:			
Start Date:		End Date:	

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What are your career plans?

BRIEF INTRODUCTION

1. Prepare a brief introduction, identifying yourself, your family background. Provide a brief summary of how you plan to use the scholarship funding if selected. Attach a separate sheet if needed.

CERTIFICATION

(Important: Your signature is required below. If an applicant is under the age of 18 years old a parent/guardian’s signature is required. Without a signature, your application is incomplete and will not be processed).

I certify that the information in this application is true, complete and accurate, and that all statements and essays are my own work. Further, I understand that a scholarship award from the BSMC, Tampa Bay Chapter, may be denied or revoked if any information contained herein is found to be inaccurate. Should I receive a scholarship award, I understand that I will need to provide proof of enrollment before any funds are dispersed. I also understand that I am required to use the scholarship within on year of my selection notification letter (as dated) or I forfeit the scholarship. It is my responsibility to notify the BSMC Tampa Bay Chapter of extenuating circumstances. I also hereby give permission to the BSMC Tampa Bay Chapter, the Southeast Frontier, and the National Association of Buffalo Soldiers and Troopers Motorcycle Club (NABSTMC), should my application be forwarded for additional consideration for more scholarships, to utilize my name, photo and scholarship award in any news, publicity or marketing materials using a variety of media.

Note: If you are under the age of 18, your parent or legal guardian must also agree to these terms and conditions and sign below your signature.

Name of Applicant (Please Print):

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date:

Parent/ Legal Guardian Signature: _____ Date:

Attn: Scholarship Committee Chairperson
P.O. Box 2929791
Tampa, FL 33687

COMPLETED APPLICATION MUST BE POSTMARKED BY April 30, 2019

Ready Forward College Scholarship Application

Checklist for Applicant Use Only

(Please do not return this checklist with your application)

- _____ Completed application (No blank spots: Indicate N/A or None)
- _____ Additional sheets to continue answers on the application or to be used instead of the allocated space on the application. (Be sure to indicate: See attached sheet)
- _____ Official transcript, with a minimum GPA of 3.0
- _____ One letter of recommendation on letterhead with original signature
- _____ A 500-word (typed and double spaced) essay (Indicate which essay number)
- _____ A letter of acceptance to the college/university
- _____ Application postmarked by April 30, 2019
- _____ Signed by applicant and parent/guardian if under 18 years of age, with original signatures
- _____ Headshot photograph with full name written on the back (3X5 or 4X6 photo)
- _____ ACT/SAT Scores

