

Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship

2016 Graduating Class

Established October 2010

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BACKGROUND

The **Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship** was established in 2010 to reward qualifying African-American male high school students who have shown leadership academically, as well as in the community.

OFFERED BY

Tomorrow's Black Men, Inc. (TBM)

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ABOUT TBM

TBM is a locally based charitable 501c3 organization registered in Washington, DC in June 2001.

Program activities promote professional and personal growth as well as enhance self-esteem and develop readiness and self-help skills. We intend to nurture and equip young males to set goals and realize their dreams.

PURPOSE OF SCHOLARSHIP

- To assist and encourage young African-American males to pursue undergraduate education
- To provide financial assistance to young African-American males enrolling in an undergraduate institution.
- To recognize students' community engagement, academic excellence, and leadership

AWARD

Multiple scholarships will be awarded to students graduating at the end of the 2015-2016 school year. There are three levels of awards, a \$500, \$1000 and one \$2500. Applicants can apply for **multiple awards providing that they meet the eligibility requirements**. If an applicant is awarded two scholarships the applicant will be awarded the higher of the two.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- African-American male graduating from an accredited high school located in a TBM service area¹.
- U.S. citizen,
- Accepted at any accredited four-year college/university as a full-time freshman in the fall of 2016.
- Meet GPA and SAT/ACT requirements per individual award
- Must present essay to scholarship committee
- Must attend award ceremony and present their essay at awards presentation
- Applicants that participate in TBM sponsored events will be strongly considered

¹ City of Alexandria VA, Arlington, Fairfax, VA.

BASIS OF SELECTION

Academic Merit:

Courses taken
Academic performance

Community Service/Activities:

Include summer/holiday employment, and internships.
Include participation in charitable, athletic, and high school organizations.
Include summer camps and programs.

Essay/Interview:

Essays will be rated on content, grammar, organization, originality and oral presentation.
Finalist will be contacted for personal interview and to present essay.

Letters of Recommendations:

Include letters from counsellors and teachers as well as an employer or community or religious leader.

APPLICATION PACKET

Incomplete applications, or applications submitted after the deadline will not be considered.
Applications may be mailed or sent electronically. Applications must be postmarked or time stamped by 11:59pm, March 15, 2016.

The following documents must be included

- Scholarship Application (Must be signed by parent or guardian, if under 18 years of age)
- An official copy of your high school transcript
- Essay
- Letters of recommendation
- Self-addressed stamped envelope

APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Mail completed packet to:

TBM Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 504
Martinsburg, WV 25402
Email: TBMScholarship@tomorrowsblackmen.org

AWARD DISBURSEMENT

Funds will be issued within 30 days of receipt of proof of college enrolment. Failure to submit pertinent information by November 1, 2016, will forfeit scholarship award. Scholarship checks will be sent directly to the University Business Office to insure proper credit to your account. Funds may be used for tuition, room and board, and books.

AVAILABILITY

The Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship is open to male African-American high school students.
Students must be enrolled in a public school located in the following areas: City of Alexandria, Arlington, and Fairfax, VA.

AVAILABLE SCHOLARSHIPS

Award Amount: 500

Recipients: 2

- A graduate from an accredited public high school.
- Must be an incoming freshman entering an accredited four-year college or university upon high school graduation in 2016.
- Have a scholastic average of 2.0-3.0.
- College admission exam minimum scores: SAT-850 or ACT-15.
- Submit 500 word essay².
- Community Service/Activities: Include summer/holiday employment, internships, part-time positions, etc. Also include participation in service, charitable, athletic, and high school organizations.
- Two (2) Letters of recommendation:
 - 1-Guidance Counselor/Teacher
 - 1-Community

Award Amount: 1000

Recipients: 2

- A graduate from an accredited public high school.
- Must be an incoming freshman entering an accredited four-year college or university upon high school graduation in 2016.
- Have a scholastic average of 3.0 or higher.
- Curriculum: Honors minimum.
- College admission exam minimum scores: SAT-1300 or ACT-20.
- Submit 1200 word essay.
- Community Service/Activities: Includes summer/holiday employment, internships, part-time positions, etc. Also include participation in service, charitable, athletic, and high school organizations.
- Three (3) Letters of recommendation:
 - 2-Guidance Counselor/Teacher
 - 1-Community

Award Amount: 2500

Recipients: 1

- A graduate from an accredited public high school.
- Must be an incoming freshman entering an accredited four-year college or university upon high school graduation in 2016.
- Have a scholastic average of 3.5 or higher.
- Curriculum: Honors /AP course work
- College admission exam minimum scores: SAT-1800 or ACT-25
- Submit 2000 word essay.
- Community Service/Activities: Includes summer/holiday employment, internships, part-time positions, etc. Also include participation in service, charitable, athletic, and high school organizations.
- Three (3) Letters of recommendation:
 - 2-Guidance Counselor/Teacher
 - 1-Community

² See page 8 for list of essay topics.

Select Scholarship applying for: 500_____ 1000_____ 2500_____
 May apply for multiple awards. Eligibility requirements will be strictly enforced.

PART I PERSONAL DATA

Last Name		First Name	Middle I
Address			
Phone #	Email Address		Date of Birth

US Citizen: Y___ N___

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

High School Attended	Location (City, State)	Dates Attended	Class Size/Rank	GPA

College admission exam scores

ACT	
SAT	

Colleges applied to	Field of study	Accepted

List other scholarships received	Amount

Community Service/Activities
Attach additional page if needed

Honors and Achievements:

Community Related Activities:

Extra-Curricular Activities:

Employment:

PART II

Essay

Attach your essay to this application. Essay must be typed, double-spaced, in Times New Roman 12-point font. Each page should be numbered, titled and include word count. Do not use staples. See essay topics listed on page 8.

PART III
Certification and Disclosure

In submitting this application, I hereby certify that:

I have met all requirements as outlined and acknowledge that any misrepresentation of the information presented, and or failure to comply with the Committee requirements and rules, may be grounds to rescind the scholarship award. I also agree to inform the scholarship committee of any significant changes to the information submitted.

I am/will be enrolled in a college/university as a full-time student in the fall of 2016.

The Scholarship Committee may release any material pertinent to my application including letters of recommendation, transcripts, and personal statements, to Tomorrow's Black Men, Inc. Board of Directors.

Any funds received from the Tomorrow's Black Men Inc. Scholarship will be used solely for the purpose of paying college expenses only and payable to an approved college/university. Expenses include tuition, room and board, and books.

Scholarship Committee reserves the right to request an applicant to appear before the committee for a personal interview. Where the application from the finalist is relatively equal, financial need will be taken into consideration. In this case, a statement of financial need will be requested. Award decisions of the Scholarship Committee are FINAL.

I understand that the submission of this application does not guarantee any award. All scholarship recipients will be notified no later than May 15, 2016. Scholarship recipients are REQUIRED to attend the Tomorrow's Black Men Inc. scholarship awards ceremony. Failure to show will result in forfeit of scholarship award barring extenuating circumstances.

Permission to use my name, comments, picture, essay or photography for public relation, advertising or any other lawful purposes, and I waive any right to inspect or approve the finished version(s) including written copy that may be created in conjunction therewith. I understand that information from my scholarship application will not be shared with any third party outside of TBM's organization.

Applicant Print Name

Parent/Guardian Print Name

Applicant Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Date

For Scholarship Committee:

Date received: _____

Complete: Y___ N___

Interview date: _____

ESSAY TOPICS:

Pick one topic according to scholarship award.

Award Amount: 500

- Describe the world as you see it.
- Give your opinion on the state of education, locally or nationally.
- How would you use technology to further advance society?
- How has social media, positively or negatively, affected your gathering of knowledge and information? And how might that affect your learning as a student?

Award Amount: 1000

Identify a current leader (local, national or world). What would you say to him\her about the following?

(Pick one)

- Drug trafficking
- Hunger
- War
- Global economy
- Environmental issues (ex. climate change, pollution, natural resources)
- Education
- Cooperation to solve world issues
- Immigration

Award Amount: 2500

- What do you consider to be the single most important societal problem? Why? What is your solution?
- If you had the authority to change your school in a positive way, what specific changes would you make? How would you implement them?
- Identify a negative stereotype that is communicated by media/society. Present your opinion and provide facts to support or dispel the stereotype. Offer your message of overcoming negative stereotypes.
- Where do you see the country heading? What will you do to change or support the perceived direction?
- Movements such as the 1950s-60s Civil Rights Movement and the 1970s Black Power Movements have deeply affected our society in regards to race relations. Conversely, 2015's #BlackLivesMatter Movement has shown us that not only does history repeat itself, but it shows that there is work left to be done. How has the #BlackLivesMatter movement affected the world around you? In what ways do you see it positively or negatively affecting our government? Also, what critique or challenge would you give to the #BlackLivesMatter movement?

Use the following pages to add essay

