



**NABSTMC**

## **Buffalo Soldiers Scholarship Program**

### **2017 Application**

**Application Deadline June 9, 2017**

## **The Howard "Thunder" Ford**

*STEM Scholarship Award*

### **Jacksonville Chapter Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club**

*2017 Scholarships*  
[www.bsmcjaxfl.com](http://www.bsmcjaxfl.com)



### **The Mission of the Jacksonville Buffalo Soldier's Motorcycle Club:**

- To actively promote positive and professional images through club involvement in community activities.
- To provide assistance for educational opportunities through scholarships to students furthering their education.
- To participate in youth programs and be a positive role model for youth in our community.
- To support our Veterans and their families, and supporting all of our fallen Hero's.
- Providing disadvantage Children and Veterans in need of technology in the community.
- To uphold the traditions & standards of the National Association of Buffalo Soldiers & Troopers Motorcycle Club.
- To promote Motorcycle Safety in our Community and to educate society regarding the Buffalo Soldiers and their contributions to American History.

The Jacksonville Chapter Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club (BSMCJAX) scholarship is dedicated to the academic and professional success of minority Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) students. The Howard "Thunder" Ford STEM Scholarship Award was developed in memory of Mr. Ford for his tireless dedication to the aforementioned missions of the BSMCJAX Chapter. This scholarship is intended to assist with the financial cost of students attending college.



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#### **Requirements and Instructions:**

Graduating High School student's criteria are as follows:

- Complete the enclosed application. Provide a letter of recommendation. Have weighted GPA of 2.75 (4.0 scale) or better.

College student's criteria are as follows:

- Complete the enclosed application and have a GPA of 2.5 or better. The scholarship will be awarded based on the overall qualification and standing of the candidate in comparison to other candidates, with the most weight focused on the quality of the final essay.

The High School applicant must have gone through the admissions process as required by the college and verifiable in writing by the high school counselor. The scholarship may only be used in the fall semester of the year awarded.

Our goal is to award two (2) \$500.00 scholarships to 2017 high school graduates planning to major in a STEM field and one (1) \$500 scholarship to a college student currently matriculating in a STEM field of study.

Typical STEM fields include: chemistry, computer and information technology science, geosciences, life sciences, mathematical sciences, forensics, physics and astronomy, social sciences anthropology, economics, psychology, sociology, engineering (all disciplines) and mathematics.

Completed application must be submitted to: the Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club of Jacksonville, via email to [jaxstemaward@bsmcjaxfl.com](mailto:jaxstemaward@bsmcjaxfl.com), deadline is **June 9, 2017**. **Selection notifications will be sent by July 7, 2017**. Funds will be sent directly to the student immediately after proof of summer or fall enrollment by submitting a copy of their summer/fall semester class schedule, along with a photo and brief bio which will be sent to the Scholarship selection committee.

**The Jacksonville Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club reserves the right to verify all information submitted. Please submit the following information for consideration:**

#### ***Instructions for candidates:***

- (1) Prepare a letter of introduction, identifying yourself, your accomplishments to date, your family background, and the degree you are seeking.
- (2) Write a 500 word essay (typewritten and spell checked in your own words) on one of the following topics:
  - A. In what ways does the Buffalo Soldiers Legacy inspire me?
  - B. What inspired me to pursue a major in science, technology, engineering or mathematics?



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(3) Complete the following application

#### **Applicant Information:**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Race : \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Academic Information:**

##### **High School:**

Provide the information for your most recently attended high school:

School State: \_\_\_\_\_ School City: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

##### **Scores:**

Provide information for all fields that apply to you. If a field does not apply, you may leave it blank.

Is your GPA Weighted Unweighted GPA Scale: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Does your School Rank Students: Yes No Class Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Size: \_\_\_\_\_

ACT Composite: \_\_\_\_\_ SAT Critical Reading: \_\_\_\_\_ SAT Math: \_\_\_\_\_

SAT Written: \_\_\_\_\_ Does your school offer Honors, AP or IB Programs? Yes No

Number of Honor Classes You Have Taken: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of AP Classes You Have Taken: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of IB Classes You Have Taken: \_\_\_\_\_



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**College/University:**

**Institution State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Institution Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Institution Type:**    Certificate            Four-Year            Two-Year            Vocational or Technical

**Degree Sought:**    Associates            Bachelors            Certificate            Doctoral            Masters

**Major:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Class Status in the Fall:**    Freshman            Sophomore            Junior            Senior

**Cumulative GPA:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Anticipated Graduation Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant Resume:**

Use this space to provide the applicant’s volunteer service, honors and awards, 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.**

**Service:**

Description	Total Hours	Start Date	End Date	Are you still participating?

**Extracurricular Activities:**

Description	Total Number of Years Involved	Highest Position Held

**Honors and Awards:**

Description:	Level (National/State/Regional/Etc.)	Academic Year Achieved



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**Applicant Work Experience:**

Employer Name	Position	Start Date	End Date	Avg. Hours/Wk

**Supporting Documents:**

The following documents are required to complete your application:

- ACT/SAT Scores
- High School or College Transcript
- A 500 word essay on one the topics described above
- Official sealed transcripts
- Letters of recommendation from community or guidance counselor

**Terms & Conditions:**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ certify, to the best of my knowledge, the information on this application is complete and accurate. Falsification of any information will cause my disqualification from the scholarship competition.

I understand it is my responsibility to make sure the application process is complete by the required deadline. If not, the application may be disqualified from the awards competition and may not be considered for an award.

This application, upon receipt, becomes the property of the program sponsor.

I agree that, if selected as an award winner for the Howard "Thunder" Ford STEM Scholarship, the program sponsor or its agents may use my name and likeness and any other information or materials provided in connection with this program for purposes of news, publicity and advertising in all media, including but not limited to print and electronic media, press releases, internet websites and video media.

To comply with the provisions of the Family Educational and Privacy Act of 1974, I hereby grant permission for school officials to release secondary school records and other requested information, if necessary.

Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club of Jacksonville, Florida | P.O. Box 2221 | Jacksonville, Florida. 32203



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If you are under 18, your parent or guardian must also agree to these Terms and Conditions

**Applicant Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(if applicable)

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#### **Submit Application:**

**Mail: Scholarship applications and all required materials must be post marked no later than Friday, June 9, 2017 to be considered for the Fall Semester 2017 scholarship. Mail information to:**

**Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club of Jacksonville, Florida  
Attention: Tony "Greasy T" Smith, Scholarship Chairman  
P.O. Box 2221  
Jacksonville, Florida. 32203  
Telephone: 904-233-1420**

**Or scan all documents and email them to [jaxstemaward@bsmcjaxfl.com](mailto:jaxstemaward@bsmcjaxfl.com)**