

*Buffalo Soldiers
Motorcycle Club
Southwest Illinois, Inc.*

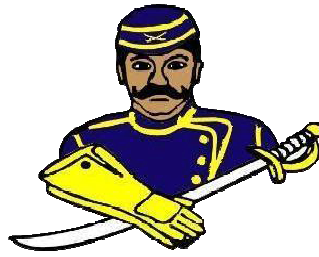


Scholarship Program

2011

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SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT AND APPLICATION



In 1993, the Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club was founded in Chicago by Ken “Dream Maker” Thomas to socialize men and women who shared similar ideals and the common bond of motorcycling.

The name was chosen to uphold and perpetuate the heroic legend of the original Buffalo Soldiers and the legacy of excellence of the African American soldiers who followed.

Mission of the Southwest Illinois Chapter

We are a family oriented, non-profit organization comprised of males and females from the military, law enforcement and other professional affiliations, (Active and Retired) who are dedicated to the sport of motorcycling. We strive to become a highly respected and notable motorcycle club that our community, as well as other organizations, will seek out for support.

Our Vision

- Educate others and ourselves about the history and contributions of the Buffalo Soldiers, notably the 9th & 10th Cavalry.
- Demonstrate and promote safe individual and group riding experiences.
- Provide positive role models to the youth in our community.
- Support the charitable needs of the community in the local and Great Lakes Frontier.

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The Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club, Southwest Illinois, Inc., announces their 2011 Scholarship Award. The scholarship awards one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) to a graduating African American Senior that attends the surrounding Metro area high schools. The Scholarship may be used at any Higher Educational Institution of the student's choice to which acceptance has been granted (funds will be distributed directly to the institution).

Selection Criterion

Students will be selected for the scholarship based on the following criterion:

- 1. Graduating African American Senior**
- 2. Attending a metro area high school**
- 3. Academic achievement: minimum 2.5 GPA (official school transcript)**
- 4. Typed essay**
- 5. Contribution to school and community**
- 6. Acceptance to an institution of higher education**
- 7. Two letters of recommendation**
- 8. An interview**
- 9. Timely submission of required documentation (Deadline Monday, February 28, 2011)**

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Essay Criterion

Applicants must complete a 300-word minimum – 500 word maximum essay in the following format:

- ✓ Typewritten
- ✓ Double Spaced
- ✓ 12 Point Font
- ✓ Times New Roman Font

The essay must be submitted on one of the following topics:

- 1. Read about a Buffalo Soldier discuss similar personal traits you share with the Soldier.**
- 2. Pick one of the challenges the Buffalo Soldiers had to overcome discuss how you, would react or overcome similar circumstances.**
- 3. Choose a Buffalo Soldier you admire and explain why.**
- 4. Discuss how the contributions of the Buffalo Soldiers have opened doors for African Americans in the military today?**

Transcript and Recommendations

One (1) copy of student's official transcript must be mailed to the Scholarship Committee Chairperson. Additionally, two (2) letters of recommendation must be included in the scholarship application packet (Ex. 1 teacher, 1 minister). The recommendations should be from the following:

- ✓ Teacher
- ✓ Guidance Counselor
- ✓ Minister
- ✓ Employer
- ✓ Community Leader

**Completed scholarship packets
must be mailed and postmarked before
Monday, February 28, 2011.**

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Award Confirmation

The Scholarship Committee will choose the scholarship recipient. The scholarship recipient and school officials will be notified via a certified letter as soon as practical, following selection of the recipient. A representative from the Chapter will recognize the recipient at an appropriate school sponsored function – to be jointly determined by the school's point of contact and the committee. Finally, the recipient will be recognized at the Chapter's May 2011 meeting.

Scholarship awards will be mailed, via certified letter, directly to the institution chosen by the recipient at the start of school, in August 2011.

Contact **Rose Dominguez**, Assistant Scholarship Committee Chairperson, at **618-567-1982** for additional information for application forms or **visit our website to download a PDF copy of the application** <http://bsmcswil.com/>

The school counselor is to be used as the school's point of contact for validating the entry and arranging the opportunity to recognize the student.

Mailing Packet

Applicants are required to have an interview with the Scholarship Committee. Completed applications will contain:

- ✓ Application
- ✓ Essay
- ✓ Official transcript (can be provided separately, must be unopened)
- ✓ Two letters of recommendation
- ✓ College acceptance letter

Applications and Official Transcripts should be mailed to the Scholarship Committee at the address below:

**Scholarship Committee
Buffalo Soldiers Scholarship
P.O. Box 95
O'Fallon, IL 62269
Website: www.bsmcswil.com**

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DATE RECEIVED _____ (Date received is for chapter use only)

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

ALL INFORMATION MUST BE TYPEWRITTEN

Student Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle Initial)

Address:
City/State/Zip:
Telephone:
Date of Birth:
High School:
Email address:

Parent/Guardian Information (*If different from your own*)

Name:
Address:
City/State/Zip:
Telephone:

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Student Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle Initial)

School Activities: (Indicate offices and year held)

Activity	Position Held	Circle Grades(s)
1.		9 10 11 12
2.		9 10 11 12
3.		9 10 11 12
4.		9 10 11 12
5.		9 10 11 12
6.		9 10 11 12

College(s) Applied To:

Name of Institution	City, State
1.	
2.	
3.	

Church and Community Service Activities: (Indicate offices held and year)

Church and/or Community Service Activity	Position Held	Circle Grade(s)
1.		9 10 11 12
2.		9 10 11 12
3.		9 10 11 12

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Student Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle Initial)

Employment (List and describe duties of job(s) held):

Place of Employment and Location	Position	Dates of Employment	Duties
1.			
2.			
3.			

Special Honors, Awards, Recognitions, etc. (Scholastic and Community):

1.
2.
3.
4.

College(s) Accepted:

1.
2.
3.

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Student Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle Initial)

I certify that the above information is true.

Applicant's Signature:
Date:
Parent's Signature:
Date:

Have a counselor to sign completed application below:

Counselor's Signature:
Telephone:
Date:

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Grading Scale
(CHAPTER USE ONLY)

School and Community Service Activities

Five (5) or More	50 Points
Four (4) Activities	40 Points
Three (3) Activities	30 Points
Two (2) Activities	20 Points

Essay

(Correct Grammar, Punctuation, Content Quality, Typewritten/MS Word, a minimum of 300 words-a maximum of 500 words, Times New Roman, 12 font)

Meets High Expectations	20-15 points
Meets Minimum Expectations	14 points or less

Application Deadline

Achievement of the established deadline	10 Points
College/University Acceptance Letter Included in Application Packet	10 Points

Application Form

Form Completion	10 points
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Scale

90-100 points	Outstanding
80-90 points	Very Good
70-79 points	Satisfactory