

*Buffalo Soldiers  
Motorcycle Club  
Southwest Illinois, Inc.*



*Scholarship Program*

*2010*

# **WHAT IS THE BUFFALO SOLDIERS MOTORCYCLE CLUB, SOUTHWEST ILLINOIS, INC.?**



The history of the National Association of Buffalo Soldiers & Troopers Motorcycle Clubs (NABSTMC) began with a dream; in this case, the dream of Ken 'Dream Maker' Thomas. Believing that it was time to establish a modern progressive motorcycle club whose focus was to promote a positive image among Blacks and one that would be respected in the community and throughout the country, Thomas founded the Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club of Chicago in October 1993. The name Buffalo Soldiers was initially selected to pay homage to and ensure the legacy of African American military contributions in the post Civil War era. Under the leadership of Ken Thomas, the new club was chartered as the Buffalo Troopers Motorcycle Club of Chicago. To date, there are a total of 80 chapters in 35 States and Canada.

On March 16, 2007 the Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club, Southwest Illinois, Inc. became the 59<sup>th</sup> chapter of the NABSTMC. It was born through the efforts of Harold "Catman" Campbell and Clarence "D" Nelson.

The Buffalo Soldiers/Troopers Motorcycle Clubs have taken as our mission to educate the public about the history of the Buffalo Soldiers. We provide positive role models for youth in our communities and will continue the tradition of service to the nation as established by our Military ancestors.

## **MISSION OF THE SOUTHWEST ILLINOIS CHAPTER**

We are a family oriented, non-profit organization comprised of males and females with military, law enforcement and other professional affiliations, 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 ourselves and others 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 local area.

## ***SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT***

The Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club, Southwest Illinois Inc., announces their 2010 Scholarship Award. The scholarship awards \$1,000.00 to a graduating senior who attends a surrounding Saint Louis Metro area high school. The Scholarship may be used at an Institution of Higher Education of their choice.

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

- 1) Academic achievement: minimum 2.5 GPA (official school transcript)
- 2) Extra curricula activity participation benefiting their school or community
- 3) Acceptance to an institution of higher education
- 4) Two letters of recommendation
- 5) An interview

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

- 1) Typed / Double Spaced
- 2) 12 Point Font
- 3) Times New Roman Font

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

- 1) *The Buffalo Soldiers and the impact their history had on your career path or future goals.***
- 2) *How the history of the Buffalo Soldiers affected the world as it is today.***
- 3) *An autobiography of an individual Buffalo Soldier***
- 4) *How the history of the Buffalo Soldiers opened doors for African American military members serving today.***

Completed applications will contain:

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

Letters of recommendation must come from two of the following: (ex. 1 teacher, 1 minister)

- 1) Teacher
- 2) Guidance Counselor
- 3) Minister
- 4) Employer
- 5) Community Leader

## ***SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT***

Completed scholarship packets must be mailed and postmarked before **February 26, 2010.**

The Scholarship Committee will select the scholarship recipient. The scholarship recipient and school officials will be notified via certified mail as soon as practical, following selection of the recipient. A representative from the Chapter will recognize the recipient at an appropriate school-sponsored function that will be 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 meeting.

Scholarship awards will be sent via certified mail directly to the institution chosen by the recipient at the start of school, in August 2010.

Contact the Scholarship Committee at [scholarship@bsmcswil.com](mailto:scholarship@bsmcswil.com) for additional information or application forms.

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

Scholarship Committee  
Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club  
Southwest Illinois, Inc.  
P.O. Box 95  
O'Fallon, IL 62269

The Chapter's Scholarship Committee will conduct an interview with selected applicants. The date, time and location of the interview will be coordinated with the Counselor.

The Counselor will be the school's point of contact for validating the application and arranging the opportunity to recognize the student.

# *SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT*

## Grading Scale

### School and Community Service Activities

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

### Essay

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

<b>Meets High Expectations</b>	<b>20-15 points</b>
<b>Meets Minimum Expectations</b>	<b>14 points or less</b>

### Application Deadline

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

### Application Form

<b>Form Completion</b>	<b>10 points</b>
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### Scale

<b>90-100 points</b>	<b>Outstanding</b>
<b>80-90 points</b>	<b>Very Good</b>
<b>70-79 points</b>	<b>Satisfactory</b>

# ***SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION***

(FOR CHAPTER USE ONLY)

DATE RECEIVED \_\_\_\_\_

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**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 applicant*)

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

**College(s) or Technical Schools Applied To:**

1.
2.
3.

## ***SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION***

**School Activities: (Indicate offices and year held):**

1.
2.
3.
4.
5.
6.

**Church or Community Service Activities (Indicate name of organization, offices held and year):**

1.
2.
3.

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

1.
2.
3.

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

1.
2.
3.
4.

## ***SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION***

**College(s) or Technical Schools Accepted To:**

1.
2.
3.

**I certify that the above information is true:**

<b>Applicant's Signature:</b>
<b>Date:</b>
<b>Parent's or Guardian Printed Name:</b>
<b>Parent's or Guardian Signature:</b>
<b>Date:</b>

**Have a counselor sign completed application below:**

<b>Counselor's Printed Name:</b>
<b>Counselor's Signature:</b>
<b>Telephone:</b>
<b>Date:</b>

**NOTE:** Your complete application packet must include the following:

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

Mail completed applications to:

**Scholarship Committee  
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