



BLACK MEN WITH A PURPOSE INC.

P.O. Box 19713
Charlotte, NC 28219

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Dear Student and Parents:

Herein you will find the application packet for the Black Men with A Purpose Incorporated scholarship. We are delighted that you have taken the time to learn more about our scholarship. Please carefully read all information. It is important that you are in full compliance with the requirements of the award including the application deadline.

Scholarship Purpose and Amount

The purpose of this scholarship is to assist with college expenses (i.e., tuition, books, and room and board) for current high school seniors planning to attend college. One non-renewable \$1000.00 scholarship will be awarded to four (4) recipients.

Eligibility Requirements

- Mecklenburg County graduating high school seniors who have been accepted to an accredited two- or four-year college or university.
- Applicants must enroll in accepted college or university during the Fall of their high school graduation year.
- Applicants must pursue an Associate's or Bachelor's degree.
- Applicants must demonstrate financial need.

Application Deadline

Complete Application must be EMAILED **OR** POSTMARKED BY **MARCH 1** of award year. **MAIL TO:**
BLACK MEN WITH A PURPOSE INC.
PO BOX 19713
CHARLOTTE, NC 28219.
EMAIL: jwcunningham.jc@gmail.com

Late or incomplete applications will not be considered

Application Packet

Each application must include the following:

- A complete typed or handwritten application with signature
- An acceptance letter(s) from 2-year or 4-year college(s)
- A one-page typed essay addressing one of the two questions listed on the Scholarship Essay page
- The required essay statement on Scholarship Essay page
- Two recommendation forms from sources below. Each recommendation must be mailed/emailed from the person making the recommendation
 - Teacher or school counselor (on official school letterhead if mailed)
 - church or community service leader who has known you for a minimum of two years
- A completed Academic and Other Achievement and Community Service form
- **An official sealed high school transcript mailed by counselor or student postmarked by MARCH 1**

*****All information submitted is confidential and will not be disclosed*****

How to Apply

- Applications may be downloaded from the website: **BLACKMENWITHAPURPOSEINC.COM**
- Applications may be submitted online or completed and mailed in

Selection Process

- All applications and supporting documentation will be reviewed by the BMP Scholarship Committee.
- All finalists must interview with the BMP Scholarship Committee.

Notification to Award Recipients

- Recipients will be notified in writing by April 15.
- Scholarship checks will be made payable to educational institution upon verification of enrollment.



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INSTRUCTIONS: Please complete the application and email to jwcunningham.jc@gmail.com OR return to address above. **Applications must be postmarked or emailed by March 1.** Remember, it is your responsibility to make sure that the application is complete and accurate and that all supporting documents are postmarked/emailed by the deadline. Please use black ink.

PERSONAL DATA

Name _____ Date of Birth _____ / _____ / _____
Last First Middle

Address _____ Phone (_____) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Parent(s) / Guardian's Name _____
Father Mother

Email Address: _____

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

Name of High School _____ Projected Date of Graduation _____

List colleges/universities to which you have applied or been accepted:

(For the college you plan to attend, a copy of your acceptance letter must be included. If you are undecided at the time of this application, please include all acceptance letters you have received to date from two- or four-year colleges.)

Projected Enrollment Date: _____ Full-time? ___ Yes ___ No

Degree Objective (please check one): ___ Associate Degree ___ Bachelor Degree

Have you applied for or been offered other scholarship or financial awards? ___ Yes ___ No
If yes, on the Financial Assistance form, list all scholarships or other financial awards you have been offered or expect to receive. Include the amount of each award.



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SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY

INSTRUCTIONS: Choose and answer one of the essay questions shown below in space provided

Questions: Select one.

- a. Upon graduation from college how will your education/career help you to improve your life, your family, and community?
- b. Describe a person and/or event that has most influenced your life. Explain why. (Include details such as significant attributes, what you may have learned about yourself and the ways in which you have been impacted.)

NAME: _____

QUESTION YOU ARE ANSWERING: _____



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Required Essay Statement: Add an essay statement using the space below providing information about yourself that may not be reflected in your application and supporting documents. Examples may include extenuating circumstances, difficult or adverse circumstances you are currently experiencing or have experienced, extreme financial hardships, etc. This information will be helpful to the committee and will be kept confidential.

NAME _____



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ACADEMIC & OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

Please list academic and other achievements (*honors, merits, awards, athletics, etc.*) you have received within the last three (3) years. Include dates and grantors.

Academic/Athletic,

Honors/Merits awards

Grantor(s)

Date(s)

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Please list and describe any community service/outreach activities (volunteer, scouts, etc.) in which you are now or have been involved within the last three (3) years. Include any positions of leadership and responsibilities you have held, including dates.

Activity

Leadership/Responsibilities

Date(s)



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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

List all scholarships or other financial awards you have been offered or expect to receive. Include the total amount of each award.

Name of Scholarship/Award	Amount

YOUR TYPED SIGNATURE SERVES AS YOUR LEGAL SIGNATURE

Applicant's Signature _____

Date _____



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LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FORM

NAME OF APPLICANT: _____

The above-named applicant is applying for a \$1000 scholarship from Black Men with a Purpose Inc. Scholarships will be awarded to a student who has been accepted to an accredited two- or four-year college/university pursuing an Associate's or Bachelor's degree. To help us assess the applicant, please complete this recommendation form and mail it to the address above OR email to: jwcunningham.jc@gmail.com. **The form must be postmarked or emailed by March 1. Failure to comply with this deadline will disqualify the applicant.**

Thank you for your assistance.

Your Name (please print or type): _____

Organization _____ Position: _____ Contact Number _____

Affiliation with applicant: _____ Email address: _____
(School, Church, Community, etc.)

How long have you known the applicant? ____ Months/Years In what capacity? _____

To the best of your ability and personal knowledge, please rate the applicant (place a check in desired box) on the following traits in comparison to other college-bound students with whom you are acquainted:

	Outstanding	Above Average	Average	Marginal	Unable to Rate
Academic Achievement					
Leadership Potential					
Communication Skills					
Maturity					
Motivation/Iniative					
Study/Work Ethics					
Community Service					
Church Involvement					

Your typed name on the signature line represents your legal signature

Signature: _____ Date: _____



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The completed application packet, including all required supporting documents, must be postmarked or emailed by March 1. Late or incomplete packets will not be considered.

DOCUMENT

ENCLOSED

Application

Complete and sign the application.
Handwriting must be legible. Please use black ink.

Acceptance Letters(s)

Provide a copy of the acceptance letter from the college or university in which you plan to enroll. If undecided at the time of this application, please include a copy of all acceptance letters.

Essay:

Write and submit a typed Scholarship essay from the topics given. Essay must be typed on page provided using 12 point font.

Required Essay Statement

Write and submit a response to the Required essay statement on the Scholarship Essay Page of Application

Two (2) Recommendations

Obtain two (2) recommendations.
1) A current counselor or teacher must submit one of the required recommendation forms. Any statements must be on official school letterhead.
2) The other recommendation form may come from someone who has known you through community involvement within the last 2 years. Any statements should be on organization's letterhead
Those providing recommendations on your behalf must mail to address above or email the form directly to jwcunningham.ic@gmail.com Recommendations must be postmarked by March 1.

High School Transcripts

Provide (MAIL) a sealed copy of official high school transcript (Altered documents will disqualify the applicant).

For Committee Use Only:

Date Received _____
Application _____ Essay _____ Essay Statement _____ Transcript _____
Recommendations (2) _____ Acceptance Letter(s) _____ Interview _____ Checklist _____

INTERVIEW: