



BLACK MEN WITH A PURPOSE INC.

P.O. Box 19713
Charlotte, NC 28219

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Dear Student and Parents:

Enclosed 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 in the packet. 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

Application packet must be POSTMARKED BY **MARCH 1** of award year and mailed to:

BLACK MEN WITH A PURPOSE INC.

PO BOX 19713

CHARLOTTE, NC 28219.

Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

Application Packet

Each application must include the following:

- Sign and complete application in black ink
- acceptance letter(s) from 2-year or 4-year college(s)
- one page typed essay **and required essay statement**
- two recommendation forms from sources below sealed and mailed separately
 - teacher or school counselor (on official school letterhead)
 - church or community service leader who has known you for a minimum of two years
- academic and other achievement record and community Involvement/service record.
- official high school transcript (sealed)

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

How to Apply

- Applications may be downloaded from the website: **BLACKMENWITHAPURPOSEINC.COM**

Selection Process

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

Notification to Award Recipients

- Recipients will be notified in writing by April 15.
- Upon verification of student enrollment into his/her college choice, scholarship checks will be made payable to that educational institution.



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INSTRUCTIONS: Please complete the application and return to P.O. Box 19713, Charlotte, NC 28219. **Applications must be postmarked 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 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 (refer to page 6), 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: Answer the essay question of your choice below on a separate sheet

Limit your essay to one page, typed using 12 point font. Include your complete name on the top right corner of your essay along with the question that you are responding to.

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.)

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 may be helpful to the committee and will be kept confidential.



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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. Attach additional sheet if necessary.

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. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

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

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. **The form must be postmarked 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/Initiative					
Study/Work Ethics					
Community Service					
Church Involvement					

Please attach a separate statement in school or organization letterhead to share your personal observations and/or knowledge of the applicant's character. You may attach an additional sheet, if desired, include applicants name in the statement.

Signature: _____ Date: _____



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The completed application packet, including all required supporting documents, must be postmarked 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 essay, place your name and the essay topic in the right top corner. Essay must be typed using 12 point font, Maximum length: one page	()
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 the form directly to BMP. Recommendations must be postmarked by March 1.	()
High School Transcripts	Provide a sealed copy of his/her 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: