

2024 SCHOLARSHIP



**Buffalo Soldiers
Motorcycle Club
Aberdeen, Maryland**



Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club - Aberdeen MD ANNOUNCEMENT

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All changes are highlighted in yellow.

The National Association of Buffalo Soldiers and Troopers Motorcycle Club (NABSTMC) and the Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club (BSMC) – Aberdeen, Maryland announce its Annual Scholarship Awards Program.

A graduating high school senior or GED recipient in Harford County Maryland and Cecil County Maryland could be awarded up to \$7,500 in scholarships. Applicant must be attending post-secondary or vocational/trade school in the Fall of 2024 with a GPA of 2.0. There are three (3) NABSTMC Scholarship levels. The winner(s) at each level has an opportunity to compete at the next level.

Level 1: BSMC - Aberdeen, MD Scholarship = \$1,500, \$1,000, and \$500 (2 each)

Level 2: Northeast Frontier BSMC Scholarship = \$5,000 (split between several winners)

Level 3: NABSTMC Scholarship= \$5,000*

Scholarship application and information detailing eligibility requirements for the scholarship is attached to this package, can be downloaded from our website at <https://www.absmcmd.org/> or a copy can be requested through email at onyxbsmc@gmail.com. The application must come to the Aberdeen Chapter first to be reviewed for completion and scored for the BSMC - Aberdeen Chapter's Scholarship Award. The Aberdeen Chapter will validate, sign, and forward to the Northeast Frontier BSMC for additional consideration at the next level.

Scholarship applications are due to the Aberdeen Chapter on or before the **deadline of 5 April 2024 @ 12:00 midnight**. Incomplete scholarship application packages will not be considered and will not be returned. Please submit all questions by email.

Application can be emailed to onyxbsmc@gmail.com or mailed to:
Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club (BSMC) – Aberdeen, Maryland
P.O. Box 115
Aberdeen, MD 21001

Scholarship awardees will be notified by written correspondence on the results.

Scholarship Checklist

✓	Criteria/Documents
	1. Official High School Transcript, Home School Transcript or GED Certificate emailed to onyxbsmc@gmail.com
	2. Write an essay in your own words consisting of no less than 500 words (typewritten, 12-point font, doubled spaced, one-inch margins, two page (8 ½ x 11)) on one of the following topics: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. What impact did the Buffalo Soldiers make in war and / or peacetime? Why is it necessary to pass this legacy on to future generations? B. Provide specific examples of how the Buffalo Soldiers facilitated the development of roadways, national parks, and mail service. C. The Medal of Honor is presented to the recipient by the President of the United States in the name of Congress. Please provide a brief narrative regarding a Buffalo Soldier who received this honor and what can be learned from his/her life, efforts, and commitment to duty.
	3. Letter of recommendation on OFFICIAL LETTER HEAD from a teacher, guidance counselor or school administrator and/or employer (for GED)
	4. Letter of recommendation on OFFICIAL LETTER HEAD from a Community Service Organization
	5. A letter of acceptance to an institution of higher learning
	6. Initial bottom of Page 7, statement concerning disbursement of funds requiring proof of enrollment.
	7. Signed Release Form (Terms & Conditions) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Student signature b. Parent's signature on application, if student is under 18 years old
	8. Submit a Letter of Introduction: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who you are • Your accomplishments to date (to include honors and awards) • Family background • Degree/Certificate to which you are seeking • Brief summary on how you plan to use the scholarship if selected • Incorporate how this scholarship will benefit you in giving back to your community
	9. Recent Professional Headshot Photo (professional photo)
	10. Provide on separate page: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Student's name b. Complete name and address of the school and/or financial aid office where you will be attending school c. Student ID number
	11. Submit complete application (pages 3-5). Incomplete packages will be eliminated.
	12. Submit applications to the Aberdeen Chapter by April 5, 2023 @ 12:00 midnight by email (onyxbsmc@gmail.com) or by mail (P.O. Box 115, Aberdeen, MD 21001)



National Association of Buffalo Soldiers & Troopers Motorcycle Club (NABSTMC)



2024 Scholarship Program

<http://www.nabstmc.com/scholarship>

The philosophy of the National Association of Buffalo Soldiers and Troopers Motorcycle Club is:

- To promote the history of African American veterans
- To be a positive role model for youth in our community
- To support our veterans by visiting local veterans, their families, and supporting our fallen heroes
- To support charitable organizations in our community
- To uphold the traditions and standards of the National Association of Buffalo Soldiers and Troopers Motorcycle Club
- To promote motorcycle safety in our community

The National Association of Buffalo Soldiers and Troopers Motorcycle Club (NABSTMC) is comprised of five (5) Frontiers (Northeast, Southeast, Great Lakes, Central, and Western), which encompasses 35 states to include Hawaii with an international Chapter located in Germany. There are over 113 Chapters organizational wide.

There will be a total of \$5,000.00 awarded to each Frontier, and a single National Scholarship of \$5,000. Each local Chapter, within their respective Frontier, is allowed to send no more than three (3) scholarship application packets to their respective Frontier Scholarship Representative on or before the stated deadline. The NABSTMC will award a grand total of **\$30,000.00** in scholarships for the 2023- 2024 school year.

The NABSTMC will mail funds, on behalf of the student, upon verification of enrollment and attendance to a secondary/vocational/trade where the student will be attending. Scholarships will be awarded based on a completed application packet.

Each Frontier winner will participate in an interview process and be vetted by the National Scholarship Committee to determine the National Scholarship Winner.

Instructions for candidates:

Completed applications and required documents must be attached as MS Word documents or scanned in a **PDF** format, in **ONE** (1) PDF file. **JPEG and GIF image formats will be rejected.**

The following are required to complete your application:

- Applicant must be an eligible Graduating High School Senior/GED recipient during the 2023 Fall / 2024 Summer school year who will be attending post-secondary or vocational/trade school in 2024 with a minimum **GPA of 2.0**.
- Attach or scan the completed application only (typically page 3 through page 5); do not include the general information pages and instructions pages.
- Unofficial High School Transcript, Home School transcript, or GED Certificate.
- Essay that is no more than two doubled spaced pages (8 1/2 x 11), using 12 point font, with one-inch margins. Consisting of no less than 500 words.

- Letter of recommendation on official letterhead from a teacher/guidance counselor/school administrator, and/or employer (for GED).
- Letter of recommendation on letterhead from a community service organization
- A letter of acceptance to an institution of higher learning
- Signed Release Form (enclosed)
- Parent's signature if a student is under 18 years old
- Prepare a letter of introduction, who you are, your accomplishments to date, your family background, and the degree/certificate to which you are seeking. Provide a summary of how you plan to use the scholarship if selected. Also, incorporate, how this scholarship would benefit you in giving back to your community.
- Recent professional head-shot photo (In Good Taste)
- Provide Student's name, the complete name and address of the school and/or financial aid office where the student will be attending school, and the student ID number.

Essay Topics:

Write an essay (typewritten) on one of the following topics:

****Do not write about the National Association of Buffalo Soldiers & Troopers Motorcycle Club****

- A. What impact did the Buffalo Soldiers make in war and/or peacetime? Why is it necessary to pass this legacy on to future generations?
- B. Provide specific examples of how the Buffalo Soldiers facilitated the development of roadways, national parks, and mail service.
- C. The Medal of Honor is presented to the recipient by the President of the United States in the name of Congress. Please provide a brief narrative regarding a Buffalo Soldier who received this honor and what can be learned from his/her life, efforts, and commitment to duty.

Submit Application:

Applications may be downloaded from www.nabstmc.com. Under the tab **Scholarship**, you will find the application and links to the five (5) Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club Frontiers and local chapter information. Completed applications and required documents must be attached as MS Word documents or scanned in **PDF format**, in **ONE (1) PDF file** and emailed to the local Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club chapter on or before the stated deadline of April 15, 2024. **Subject line is your Full Name, City and State**. Unofficial transcripts must be scanned in PDF format. JPEG and GIF image formats will be rejected. Applications must be submitted by the Applicant to the local NABSTMC Chapter. Applications must be vetted by the Chapter and the Chapter will then forward all applications from the Chapter Representative to the Frontier Scholarship Representative.



National Association of Buffalo Soldiers & Troopers Motorcycle Club (NABSTMC) Scholarship Program

2024 Application

Name of local National Association of Buffalo Soldiers & Troopers MC Chapter: _____

Contact Information:

First Name:		Last Name:	
Address:			
City:		State:	
Zip Code:		Email:	
Home Phone:		Cell Phone:	
Date of Birth:		Parent Phone:	

Academic Information:

High School Name:		City / State	
Graduation Date:			

College Information (If you have not finalized your college choice, provide your first-choice school.):

College Name:		City / State:	
Institution Type:			
Certificate Four-Year Two-Year Vocational or Technical:			
Degree Sought: Associates Bachelors Certificate			
Major:			
Anticipated Graduation Date:			

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Applicant Service, Extracurricular Activities, and Work Experience:

Use this space to provide the applicant's volunteer service, 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.**

Description			
Total Hours or Average Hours per week:		Are you still participating? (yes/no)	
Start Date:		End Date:	
Highest Position Held:			

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I understand that funds will not be disbursed to my school until I am in attendance during the first semester and provide proof from my school's enrollment division of my attendance. Applicant's Initial _____

Terms & Conditions:

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

(1) It is my responsibility to make sure the application process is complete, and the entire application packet is sent or scanned to the nearest local National Association of Buffalo Soldiers & Troopers Motorcycle Club Chapter (locate at www.nabstmc.com) by the required deadline. If not, the application may be disqualified from the scholarship competition and may not be considered for an award.

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

I agree that, if selected as an award winner for the National Association of Buffalo Soldiers & Troopers Motorcycle Club Scholarship Program, 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.

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

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent Signature: (if applicable) _____

**** Local Chapter/Frontier must acknowledge receipt before sending to the National Scholarship Committee.**

Chapter _____ Signature _____