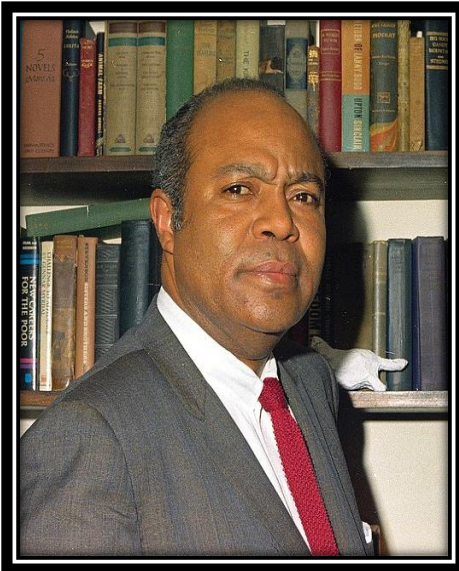


The Virginia Black History Month Association

James Farmer Scholarship

The 2022 Black History Month National Theme:
"Black Health and Wellness"



What: The Virginia Black History Month Association James Farmer Scholarship.

When: The scholarship application deadline is **Monday, May 16, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.**

Where: The **Virginia Black History, Juneteenth, Father's Day Gala** on **Sunday, June 19, 2022** (6pm to 9pm) at the **Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel**, 1700 Richmond Hwy, Arlington, VA 22202

Who: All African-American High School students enrolled in any Spotsylvania County, City of Fredericksburg, Caroline County, or Westmoreland County Virginia High School with plans to pursue a higher education.

Why: To honor the legacy of renowned Civil Rights Leader Dr. James L. Farmer Jr.

The Monetary Awards
First Place Award: \$1,000
Second Place Award: \$500
Third Place Award: \$250

The Winners Will Receive:

- Monetary gifts from the Virginia Black History Month Association.
- The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners are announced during the Gala. All finalists will receive two complimentary tickets to attend the Virginia Black History, Juneteenth, Father's Day Gala. (**Note: All guests must be fully vaccinated to attend gala and must wear mask when not eating or drinking**)
- The 1st place winner will receive a large poster-size check with their name and winning amount.
- All winners will receive a complimentary gift from the Virginia Black History Month Association.
- All winners will receive a Certificate of Achievement from the Virginia Black History Month Association.

The VaBHMA James Farmer Scholarship Application

Applicant's Information

1. Name: _____
2. Home Address: _____
3. Home Phone Number: (____) _____
4. Contact E-mail Address: _____
5. Signature & Date: _____
6. Parent/Guardian Cell Phone Number: (____) _____

Applicant's School Verification Information (Contact School Counselor)

7. High School: _____
 - Grade (as of fall 2021): _____
 - Grade Point Average (as of fall 2021): _____
 - School Activities:

 - Applicant's Plans After High School: (*check one*) 4 yr. college: 2 yr. college:
 - School Counselor's Name: _____
 - School Counselor's Phone Number: _____
 - Date: _____

Applicant's Community and Civic Activities

1. Civic Activity 1: _____ Dates Active: _____
 - Representative Name & Phone: _____
2. Civic Activity 2: _____ Dates Active: _____
 - Representative Name & Phone: _____
3. Civic Activity 3: _____ Dates Active: _____
 - Representative Name & Phone: _____
4. Civic Activity 4: _____ Dates Active: _____
 - Representative Name & Phone: _____
5. Leadership Activity 1: _____ Dates Active: _____
 - Representative Name & Phone: _____
6. Leadership Activity 2: _____ Dates Active: _____
 - Representative Name & Phone: _____
7. Leadership Activity 3: _____ Dates Active: _____
 - Representative Name & Phone: _____
8. Leadership Activity 4: _____ Dates Active: _____
 - Representative Name & Phone: _____
9. Sports Activity 1: _____ Dates Active: _____
 - Representative Name & Phone: _____
10. Sports Activity 2: _____ Dates Active: _____
 - Representative Name & Phone: _____
11. Sports Activity 3: _____ Dates Active: _____
 - Representative Name & Phone: _____
12. Sports Activity 4: _____ Dates Active: _____
 - Representative Name & Phone: _____
13. Music Activity: _____ Dates Active: _____
Representative Name & Phone: _____

The Rules

1. All African-American High School students enrolled in any Spotsylvania County, City of Fredericksburg, Caroline County or Westmoreland County Virginia High School with plans to pursue higher education.
2. The scholarship application deadline ends at 5:00 p.m. on **Monday, May 16, 2022**.
3. Entries should be limited to two typed pages plus the application form and cover sheet.
4. Each entry must be signed by the student with school counselors and civic representative(s) contact info.
5. The entry must be submitted on time. (No late entries will be accepted)
6. Include the title of your entry on both the first page of the essay and on the cover sheet.

How to Enter: In 500 words or less, write your response to the questions below:

Essay: This year's Black History Month Theme is "**Black Health and Wellness**." The theme focuses on the importance of Black Health and Wellness within the African-American communities.

Consider the following scenario: You have just been appointed as the **Director for Community Outreach** for a local hospital. The hospital is located within a predominately African-American community. With limited funding and limited staff your job is to make a positive impact on the overall health and well-being of your community. (1) Identify three medical conditions that disproportionately affect African-Americans within the local community you serve. (2) Describe how you would engage individuals in your community to become better stewards of their health. (3) As a liaison, how would you encourage members of the local community to utilize the resources available at your hospital?

7. **Judging Criteria & Rules:** The winners will be selected by a neutral judging panel and will be rated in five areas:

- a. **Criteria**

- (1) Currently enrolled as an African-American Senior in any **Spotsylvania County, City of Fredericksburg, Caroline County or Westmoreland County Virginia High School**.
- (2) Good academic standing.
- (3) Participation in the local community through civic programs and volunteerism.
- (4) Plans to attend college after graduation from high school.
- (5) Quality of essay.

- b. **Rules:** The judging will take place under the supervision of **Dr. Sherry Springs**, Human Systems Engineer for the Department of the Navy. She will be joined by other community leaders to determine the winner of the scholarship.

- (1) Participants agree to be bound by these rules and the decisions of the judges.
- (2) All decisions are final.
- (3) The winner will be notified by phone call no later than Wednesday, June 1, 2022.

8. Send a cover sheet with your entry and include the following information: Title of the entry, name, home address, applicant phone number, parent name, and cell phone number.

9. **Note:** Mail all entries to: The Virginia Black History Month Association James Farmer Scholarship, P.O. Box 41924, Fredericksburg, Virginia 22404. All entries must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 16, 2022.

10. The Gala Details: Awards will be presented during the **Virginia Black History, Juneteenth, Father's Day Gala** on **Sunday, June 19, 2022 (Please arrive by 5:15pm)**. We would like for the winning contestants to be present at the Gala. In addition, the winners and one of their parents will be given a free complimentary ticket to attend the Gala. The cost of adult tickets for additional attendees is adults: \$100.00, Students: \$60 and Children: (under 12 yrs. old) \$35.00 (Note: Children 5 yrs. old and under are free). **(Note: All guests must be fully vaccinated to attend the gala and must wear mask when not eating or drinking)**

**The Virginia Black History Month Association
James Farmer Scholarship Rubric**

<i>Description</i>	<i>Criteria</i>	<i>Score</i>
Completed Application	Application must be completed in full to be considered.	Required before application can be considered. No point value assigned.
Application delivered <u>on time</u> before the cutoff date	Must be postmarked before 5:00pm May 16, 2022	Required before application can be considered. No point value assigned.
Essay Submitted with Application	Received essay and application	Required before application can be considered. No point value assigned.
The Word Count and Spacing	500 words or less and double spaced	Required before application can be considered. No point value assigned.
Clearly Address the Essay Topics (Max 25 points)	(1) Identify three medical conditions that disproportionately affect African-Americans within the local community you serve. (2) Describe how you would engage individuals in your community to become better stewards of their health. (3) As a liaison, how would you encourage members of the local community to utilize the resources available at your hospital?	<u>Essay Topic Questions</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Answered All Questions – 25 points • Answered Most Questions – 15 points • Answered Half the Questions – 5 points • Vaguely answered – 5 points
Grade Point Average (GPA) Report Card/Transcripts (Max 25 points)	Will accept the following documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed application w/signatures • Official sealed high school transcripts • Official report card • Signed letter from the school 	<u>Grade Point Average</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4.0 GPA – 25 points • 3.5 GPA – 20 points • 3.0 GPA – 15 points • 2.5 GPA – 10 points
Spelling and Proper Grammar (Max 25 points)	Spelling and Proper Grammar	<u>Spelling and Grammar Errors</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four or Less Errors – 25 points • Between 5 – 7 errors – 20 points • Between 8 – 10 errors – 15 points • Between 11– 13 errors – 10 points • More than 14 errors – 5 points
Community or Civic Activities (Max 10 points)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed Application • Signed Letter from Organization • Example: Hospitals, Scouting, or Boys & Girls Club 	2.5 points for each activity
Leadership Experience (Max 10 points)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed Application • Signed Letter from Organization • Example: Student Government, Class President, or Team Captain 	2.5 points for each activity
Sports Activities (Max 5 points)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed Application • Signed Letter from Organization • Example: Football, Soccer, or Swimming 	One point for each activity

Disclaimer: Members of the VaBHMA Scholarship Selection Committee may not participate in the selection process if their children, grandchildren, or any relatives plan to apply for any VaBHMA scholarships. They must recuse themselves from the decision-making process and have their names removed from the application.