

# *Black History Month Awareness Club, Incorporated*

Diversity and Unity Within the Community

The Black History Month Awareness Club, Inc. is proud to announce its 11th Annual Scholarship Award (2026). This scholarship supports graduating high school seniors who demonstrate leadership, resilience, academic promise, and a commitment to uplifting the Black community.

Scholarships will be awarded to a qualified student pursuing undergraduate study at an accredited two- or four-year college or university in the United States. Scholarship funds will be paid directly to the recipient's institution.

## **Eligibility Requirements**

Applicants must:

- Be a graduating high school senior
- Be a resident of Bolingbrook *and/or* attend Bolingbrook or Romeoville High School
- Plan to enroll full-time in an accredited U.S. college or university beginning Fall 2026
- Maintain satisfactory academic and institutional standing for the duration of the scholarship
- Must have no current or pending criminal convictions

## **Application Deadline**

A completed application package must be submitted and postmarked no later than **January 19, 2026**, to be considered.

## **Scholarship Announcement**

The scholarship recipient will be announced at the **"28th Annual Community-Wide Black History Month Celebration"** on February 7, 2026

## **Submission Instructions**

Submit your completed application and required materials by mail to:

**Black History Month Awareness Club  
260 S. Schmidt Road, Suite A  
Bolingbrook, IL 60440**



Or email to: [historyawarenessclub@gmail.com](mailto:historyawarenessclub@gmail.com)

# Official Application

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## Section 1

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## Applicant Information:

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Applicant's Name (last, first, middle)

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Applicant's Address

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City State Zip

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Home Phone/Cell Phone   E-Mail Address

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Class Rank   Size of Graduating Class   Cumulative GPA

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Name of Parent or Legal Guardian                      Daytime Phone

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Name of High School                      Current Grade Level

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Address of School                      City State Zip

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School Phone Number (with area code)

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School Contact Person (Department Chair or School Counselor)      Phone Number

List of colleges and/or universities to which you plan to apply:

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2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I certify that the information listed on this application is true and correct, and I have met all eligibility requirements.

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Applicant's Name

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Applicant's Signature/Date

# Activities/Work Experience

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## Section 2

List all school-based activities in which you have participated (for example: student government, athletics, music, clubs, or organizations). List all community service or volunteer activities in which you have participated (for example: community organizations, faith-based groups, service clubs, or advocacy efforts). For each activity, include the academic years of participation, any leadership roles or offices held, and any awards or honors received.

Organization	Years Participated	Leadership Roles	Awards/Honors

List any **work experience** from the past two years, including paid employment and volunteer roles. If you have already listed a volunteer experience in another section, you do not need to repeat it here.

Employer	Position Held	Dates of Employment Full or Part Time	Paid or Volunteer	Number of Hours Worked Per Week

# Personal Essay

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## Section 3

The personal essay allows you to share your voice, demonstrate your written communication skills, and help the selection committee better understand your experiences, values, and goals. Please respond to **one** of the following prompts:

1. Black history is filled with resilience, brilliance, and innovation. How does learning Black history empower you personally, and how can it be used as a tool to solve current challenges within the Black community?
2. Holistic wellness - physical, intellectual, emotional, social, spiritual, and environmental - is essential. Identify a wellness challenge affecting Black youth today (e.g., stress, depression, identity, health disparities, social pressure). What solutions would you implement in your school, family, or community to address it?
3. Educational inequity continues to impact Black students across the country. Describe a barrier you see or have experienced in education. What strategies or programs would you create to help Black students thrive academically and feel a sense of belonging?
4. Many Black youth face pressure to succeed while navigating stereotypes, bias, or limited representation. How have you pushed through barriers, and what systems or supports do you believe would help more Black students excel confidently?

**Please limit the essay to 500 words, typewritten, double-spaced.**

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