



## (NABSTMC) MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA CHAPTER 2019 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PACKET

In 1993, the Buffalo Troopers Motorcycle Club was founded in Chicago by Ken "Dream Maker" Thomas to socialize men and women who shared similar ideals and the common bond of motorcycling. In 1999, the National Association of Buffalo Soldiers & Troopers Motorcycle Club (NABSTMC) was formed and currently has over 100 Chapters nationwide.

The name was chosen to uphold and perpetuate the heroic legend of the original Buffalo Soldiers and the legacy of excellence of the African American soldiers who followed.

### **The philosophy of the National Association of Buffalo Soldiers and Troopers Motorcycle Club**

- 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.

### **NABSTMC Montgomery, Alabama Chapter Objective and Vision**

NABSTMC Montgomery, Alabama Chapter is a nonprofit organization of professional men and women that are dedicated to the sport of motorcycle riding and safety. We ride our motorcycles (Iron Horses) to represent the horses that were ridden by the Buffalo Soldiers during the 1800's.

Our objective is to educate those that are unfamiliar with the racism, sacrifices and hardships that the Buffalo Soldiers of the 9th and 10th U.S. Cavalries had to endure. We feel by doing this the legacy of the Buffalo Soldiers of the past will live on forever and shall not be forgotten.

Our vision is to instill this knowledge into the minds and hearts of our youth of today so that we can motivate them to become better citizens today and effective leaders of tomorrow.

We are contributors in our local communities and throughout the Southeastern Frontier by supporting charitable needs and educating others, especially our youth.

Our efforts are pursued in regards to the large sacrifices that were made by not only the Buffalo Soldiers but other African and Native Americans during the pre and post-civil war periods.

We believe that these are the core values needed to help instill self-respect and pride in today's youth.

## SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

The National Association of Buffalo Soldiers & Troopers Motorcycle Club – Montgomery, Alabama announces its first annual Scholarship Award. This Scholarship Award will allow deserving youth in Montgomery, Alabama and surrounding counties to receive much needed funding to assist in their college education in addition to that which is provided by the Southeast Frontier and the National Association of Buffalo Soldiers and Troopers Motorcycle Club. **The scholarship awards a total of \$1,000.00** to a graduating senior that attends high school in Montgomery, Alabama and surrounding counties. If selected, the scholarship may be used at any accredited Higher Educational Institution that the recipient will attend (funds will be distributed to the institution).

Timely submission of required documentation and completed application **must be received electronically/by email to the NABSTMC Montgomery, Alabama Chapter Scholarship Selection Committee by (Deadline: April 25, 2019 at 11:59 pm).**

**Email completed application to bsmcmontgomeryalscholarship@yahoo.com**

## SELECTION CRITERION

Students will be selected for the NABSTMC Montgomery, Alabama Chapter Scholarship based on the following criterion submitted from the NABSTMC Montgomery, Alabama Chapter Scholarship Selection Committee as follows:

- 1) Graduating Senior
- 2) Attending a high school in Montgomery, Alabama or the surrounding counties
- 3) Academic achievement: minimum 2.5 GPA (packet must include two (2) official school transcripts)
- 4) Prepare a letter of introduction; who you are and your family, your accomplishments to date, your participation in community service, the degree to which you are seeking, and financial need. Provide a brief summary on how you plan to use the scholarship if selected.
- 5) Letter of Acceptance to an accredited institution of higher education
- 6) Provide a brief summary of how you, the student, plans to use the scholarship funding, if selected. Include the complete name and address of the school you will be attending. Checks will be mailed to the school via the student's account.
- 7) What are your career aspirations upon graduation from college?
- 8) Typed Essay

## Transcripts and Professional Letters of Recommendations

The Chapter Scholarship Packet submitted to the NABSTMC Montgomery, Alabama must contain two unopened transcripts with their Scholarship Packet. Additionally, letters of recommendation from three of the following must be included in the scholarship application packet (Example: Teacher, Minister, Guidance Counselor, Employer, Community Leader).

## AWARD CONFIRMATION

The Scholarship Committee will choose the scholarship recipient from the pool of NABSTMC Montgomery, Alabama Chapter applicants. The NABSTMC Montgomery, Alabama Chapter Scholarship recipient and school officials will be notified via certified letter as soon as practical, following selection of the recipient. The NABSTMC Montgomery, Alabama Chapter President or designee will recognize the recipient at an appropriate school sponsored function – to be jointly determined by the school's point of contact and the Scholarship Committee. The Counselor is to be used as the school's point of contact for validating the entry and arranging the opportunity to recognize the student. Scholarship awards will be mailed, via certified letter, directly to the institution attended by the recipient at the start of the current fall semester school.

There will be only one winner of the NABSTMC Montgomery, Alabama Scholarship Award. The NABSTMC Montgomery, Alabama Chapter winner will be advanced to the SE Frontier Scholarship Award Committee to compete for the Southeast Frontier Scholarship Award.

**Contact Scholarship Committee Members:** Vanessa "Butterfly" Robertson, at 678-783-6307, Wanda "Lady Smokey" Russell at 334-233-1824, or Leonard "Bugg" Haygood at 770-687-6059 for additional information.



### Typed Essay Format:

A minimum 1,000-word essay (no more than 1500) in the following format to qualify:

- Typewritten Double Spaced
- Cover Page with Topic, Name & Date
- 12 Point Font
- Times New Roman Font
- 1-inch Margins
- Page Numbers – Bottom Right Footer
- Using the guidelines above, a 1000-word essay is approximately 2 pages.
- American Psychological Association (APA) format. Neither footnotes, nor a bibliography can be a substitute for in-text citations.
- Sources must come from a combination of the following mediums: magazines, books, and the Internet.
- Do not write about the Buffalo Soldiers or Troopers Motorcycle Club, but about the historical Buffalo Soldiers formed in 1866.

### Essay Topics:

A 1,000-word essay (typewritten) on one of the following topics listed below. Do not write about the Buffalo Soldiers or Troopers Motorcycle Club, but about the historical Buffalo Soldiers formed in 1866:

- A. In what ways does the Buffalo Soldier Legacy inspire me to be a better person and citizen?
- B. The stories of the Buffalo Soldiers exemplify many positive character traits. Please provide examples from the lives of Buffalo Soldiers (living and/or deceased) and write on four of those traits and how they can be used to help mold or develop your life?
- C. Why is it necessary that we pass on the legacy of the Buffalo Soldiers to future generations?
- D. The Congressional Medal of Honor is presented to the recipient by the President of the United States in the name of Congress. This is the highest award for valor presented to military members that are recognized for having performed the highest degree of bravery and self-sacrifice on the battlefield. Please write on one of the Buffalo Soldiers awarded the Medal of Honor and what can be learned from his life and/or efforts, and commitment to duty.
- E. Explain the Army Reorganization Act of 1866 and how it changed America.
- F. Compare and contrast the difficulties endured by the 9th and 10th Buffalo Soldier Cavalry Regiments to any personal challenges you have encountered while pursuing your education.