



## National Association of Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club of Michigan 2024 Scholarship Announcement and Application

*Application Deadline: March 15, 2024*



The National Association of Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club of Michigan (Buffalo Soldiers MI) is pleased to announce the Chapter's 2024 scholarship program. Scholarships up to \$1,000 will be awarded to graduating high school seniors to aid in their educational pursuits at a college, university, or trade school of their choice. We invite you to apply!

To qualify for a scholarship, you must be an eligible graduating high school senior/GED recipient during the 2023-2024 school year who will enter college or vocational/trade school in 2024. Applicants must submit a completed application packet to include the following:

1. A completed Application Form and signed Check-List. Parent/Guardian signature required for applicants under age 18.
2. A Letter of Introduction explaining who you are and your achievements (typed).
3. A 500-word minimum written response on one of the essay topics provided (typed).
4. A copy of your high school transcript (unofficial transcripts are acceptable) or home school transcript, which verifies a 2.5 grade point average or higher. GED Certificate may be provided instead of transcript if applicable.
5. One (1) letter of recommendation on official letterhead from a teacher, school counselor, school administrator or employer (for GED candidates).
6. One (1) letter of recommendation on letterhead from a community service organization.
7. One (1) letter of acceptance to an institution of higher learning. (if available)
8. A recent professional looking headshot (preferably in Cap and Gown).

All applications must be delivered via email by **March 15, 2024**. Please submit completed application and essays as **MS Word** documents or **PDF** files. Headshots should be attached as **JPEG, GIF, or PNG image** files. Email to [scholarships@buffalosoldiersmi.com](mailto:scholarships@buffalosoldiersmi.com).

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Ms. Shuna Hayward, Scholarship Committee Chair, by telephone (313) 689-7768 or e-mail [scholarships@buffalosoldiersmi.com](mailto:scholarships@buffalosoldiersmi.com).

### **About the Buffalo Soldiers of Michigan**

The National Association of Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club of Michigan (Buffalo Soldiers MI) was formed in Detroit in 2004. The Buffalo Soldiers MI is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization and an affiliate of the National Association of Buffalo Soldiers and Troopers Motorcycle Club (NABSTMC). There are currently over 100 NABSTMC chapters throughout the United States and abroad with 2 chapters in Michigan including Detroit and Flint.

The three pillars of the NABSTMC are Safe Riding, Community Service, and Education. Since its inception in 2004 the Michigan Chapter has been working to uphold these pillars by engaging the community through mentoring youth, annual scholarships, honoring veterans, assisting seniors and families in need, and safe motorcycling. Chapter members also visit local schools, churches, and other venues to teach about the original Buffalo Soldiers with focus on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Cavalry.

The organization's name was chosen to uphold and perpetuate the heroic legacy of the original Buffalo Soldiers and their contributions to American history.

For more information please visit our website at [www.buffalosoldiersmi.com](http://www.buffalosoldiersmi.com).



**National Association of Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club of  
Michigan 2024 Scholarship Application Form**

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**PART I. APPLICANT INFORMATION (Please Type)**

CONTACT INFORMATION					
First Name		Last Name		M.I.	
Street Address			City		Zip
Cell Phone #	(    )	Alternate Phone #	(    )		
Email Address					
Birthdate MM/DD/YYYY:		Gender			

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION					
High School Name:				City, State:	
Graduation Date:		Current GPA:		Class Rank/Size:	

FAMILY BACKGROUND			
<u>Mother (Guardian's) Education (Choose One)</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Less than High School <input type="checkbox"/> High School Graduate <input type="checkbox"/> Some College <input type="checkbox"/> College Graduate		<u>Father (Guardian's) Education (Choose One)</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Less than High School <input type="checkbox"/> High School Graduate <input type="checkbox"/> Some College <input type="checkbox"/> College Graduate	
Do you reside with both parents? Yes ___ No ___		If no, with whom do you reside? Mother ___ Father ___ Guardian ___ Other ___	
If your parent(s)/guardian is/are employed, please list their <b>occupation</b> and <b>place</b> of employment.			
Mother/Guardian Occupation		Father/Guardian Occupation	
Mother/Guardian Employer		Father/Guardian Employer	

SIBLINGS			
How many siblings (sisters and brothers) do you have?		How many siblings live at home with you?	
		How many of your siblings are in college?	

BUFFALO SOLDIERS OF MICHIGAN			
Do you know any members of the Buffalo Soldiers of Michigan?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, please provide name(s):	

APPLICANT NAME:	
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COLLEGE INFORMATION			
List the college/university or trade school you plan to attend. If you have not finalized your college choice, provide your first choice.			
School Name:		City, State:	
School Type:	<input type="checkbox"/> Four Year <input type="checkbox"/> Two Year <input type="checkbox"/> Trade School/Vocational		
Expected Major:			
Degree Sought:	<input type="checkbox"/> Associates <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelors <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate	Expected Graduation Date:	
Status:	<input type="checkbox"/> Applied <input type="checkbox"/> Accepted		

COMMUNITY SERVICE, EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, AND WORK EXPERIENCE
Provide information on your community service, extracurricular activities, and work experience during your academic career. <b>Please do not attach a resume in lieu of completing this section. It will not be reviewed.</b>

Activity:			
Total Hours or Average Number of Hours per week:		Are you still participating? (Yes or No)	
Start Date:		End Date:	
Highest Position Held:			

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## **PART II. ESSAY RESPONSES (Must be typed)**

**Essay 1: Letter of Introduction-** Write an essay responding to the following questions that help explain who you are and your potential for future success:

- Who are you? What is your family background?
- What are your accomplishments to date? What is your involvement with your school and community?
- How has your high school experience prepared you for being successful in higher learning?
- How will this scholarship help you? What is your financial need? Are there any extenuating circumstances?
- What are your future educational and career aspirations? How do you plan to give back to your community?
- Is there anything else you would like us to know or consider?

**Essay 2: Buffalo Soldiers History and Legacy-** Research and write a 500-word essay demonstrating what you know about the legacy of the original Buffalo Soldiers and their contributions to American history. Do not write about the Buffalo Soldiers and Troopers Motorcycle Club. Note: Please submit your own work. Essays will be checked for plagiarism. Essays with plagiarism and essays less than 500 words will disqualify your application. Select one of the topics below:

Topic 1- What impact did the Buffalo Soldiers make in war and/or peacetime? How does the Buffalo Soldier legacy inspire you and why is it important to share this legacy with future generations?

Topic 2- Provide specific examples of how the Buffalo Soldiers helped with the development of roadways, national parks, and mail service. Discuss specific Buffalo Soldiers who distinguished themselves in any of these areas.

Topic 3- The Congressional Medal of Honor is the United States Armed Forces highest and most prestigious military decoration that may be awarded to recognize American service men and women who have distinguished themselves by acts of valor. Please provide a narrative regarding a Buffalo Soldier that received this honor and what can be learned from their life, efforts and commitment to duty.

## **PART III. ATTACHMENTS**

Attach a recent professional looking (in good taste) **HEADSHOT PHOTO** as a **JPEG, GIF or PNG** image file. Cap and gown pictures are preferred.

Attach one (1) **LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION** on official letterhead from a teacher, high school counselor, or school administrator (or employer for GED candidates).

Attach one (1) **LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION** on letterhead from a community service organization.

Attach One (1) **LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE** to an institution of higher learning. (if available)

Attach a current unofficial high school **TRANSCRIPT** or provide GED Certificate if applicable.

### **PLEASE NOTE**

Consideration will be given only to candidates submitting **complete** application packets including a signed Check-List. If selected, the award will be submitted to the educational institution of the student's choice for use towards school costs and expenses. Awards will be made only upon presentation of proof of enrollment at an accredited community college, four-year college or university, or trade school. **Awards will be made on a one-time basis.** Awardees may be selected for consideration for additional scholarships at the Frontier and National level of the NABSTMC.

### **SUBMISSION**

Please e-mail completed application and attachments as **MS Word** documents or in **PDF** format. Please attach Headshot photo as a JPEG, GIF or PNG image file. Email to: [scholarships@buffalosoldiersmi.com](mailto:scholarships@buffalosoldiersmi.com). **Please include applicants First Name and Last Name in subject line.**

**All applications must be emailed no later than March 15, 2024.** If you are selected, you will be notified of your selection by May 1, 2024.



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2024 Scholarship Application Checklist**

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**The following is a list of qualifications that must be met and items that must be submitted for a scholarship application to be considered. Applicants are required to check each line and sign below.**

**Applicant Qualifications**

- I have an academic grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or above.
- I am a graduating high school senior or GED recipient who intends to enroll next semester in an accredited trade school, two-year college, or four-year college or university.

**Application Requirements**

- I have submitted a completed Scholarship Application Form in its entirety.
- I have attached a current high school transcript or GED Certificate.
- I have composed and attached the requested essay responses. Essays are my own work (no plagiarism).
- I have submitted 1 letter of reference on official letterhead from a teacher or high-school counselor or employer.
- I have submitted 1 letter of reference on official letterhead from a community service organization.
- I have submitted 1 letter of acceptance from an institution of higher learning. (if available)
- I have included a professional looking headshot photo.
- My name appears on all attached documents.
- I have included the required signatures.

My signature below indicates that I certify to the best of my knowledge that the information on this application is complete and accurate. I agree that if selected as a scholarship recipient of the National Association of Buffalo Soldiers of Michigan, the organization may use my name and likeness and any other information or materials provided in connection with this scholarship 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.

Applicant Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

***Parent/Guardian signature required if applicant is under 18 years old***

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Ineligible candidates and incomplete application submissions will not be considered!

**The complete application package must be emailed no later than March 15, 2024.**

*Once submitted, the application becomes property of the NABSMC of Michigan and will not be returned.*

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