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

Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club, South Florida (BSMCSF)

http://www.bsmcsf.org/scholarships2

Application Deadline: January 20, 2026

Robert "Shaft" Hinton Annual 2026 Scholarship Program Application

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

- Honor the rich history of the 9th and 10th Cavalry of Buffalo Soldiers who served in the U.S. Army from 1866-1944
- Ride our motorcycles in which is referred to as our '*iron horse*'
- Proudly serve in our communities to display goodwill
- Support veterans and their families
- Partner with charitable organizations
- Promote motorcycle safety
- Uphold NABSTMC™ traditions and values

Organization Overview:

- NABSTMC™ is organized into 5 Frontiers: Northeast, Southeast, Great Lakes, Central, and Western
- The organization spans 35 states, including Hawaii, plus an international Chapter in Germany
- Over 109 Chapters

📝📝 Scholarship Application Guidelines

Each local chapter may submit up to two (2) scholarship application packets to its designated Frontier Scholarship Representative by the stated deadline.

- Submitted applications may qualify to compete at both the Frontier and National levels.
- The Frontier winner will advance to an interview process conducted by the National Scholarship Committee.

Selected Frontier winners will be interviewed and vetted by the National Scholarship Committee. Final vetting will determine the recipient of the National Scholarship Award. **The National Winner is required to attend the NABSTMC Convention in Tampa, Florida, on July 9–11, 2026, for the formal presentation of the award.** Event logistics will be coordinated by the National Secretary and the Scholarship Team.

Scholarship funds will be mailed directly to the attending institution upon verification of enrollment and attendance in Spring 2026. Local chapters may choose to award scholarship funds **either directly to the**

student or **to the attending school**, based on chapter discretion. This distinction is separate from Frontier and National-level awards, which are **mailed directly to the student's school** following enrollment verification.

Locally, there will be **6** recipients from the BSMCSF Chapter to receive two $500 scholarships, three (3) $1,000 scholarships and one (1) $1,500 scholarship award; and a total of six (6) winners. The top **two (2) winners** will be sent to the Southeast (SE) Frontier to be considered for additional awards. Winners from the SE Frontier will be forwarded to the National Scholarship committee for consideration for one final award.

BSMCSF will invite the winners to a local BSMCSF meeting to present the awards or attend the High Schools' award ceremony and present the awards. The funds will be presented to the student upon verification of enrollment.

Eligibility:

Qualified applicants must be a graduating high school senior from Martin County High School, South Fork High School, Fort Pierce Westwood Academy, Fort Pierce Central High School, Vero Beach High School, William T. Dwyer High School, Palm Beach Lakes High School, Glades Central High School, Pahokee Middle-Senior High School, Riviera Beach Preparatory and Achievement Academy, South Intensive Transition, Inlet Grove High School or any High School as long as they are sponsored by a South Florida Buffalo Soldier. A **GPA of 2.0** (on a 4.0 scale) or better is required and the applicant must have been accepted to a college/university or vocational/trade school to be eligible to receive the award. The scholarship will be awarded based on financial need, proposed use, and overall qualifications, with emphasis on the quality of the required essay.

Application Instructions

All documents must be submitted as one (1) PDF file (JPEG and GIF formats will be rejected). Name the PDF file: Full Name.City.State. The essay must be submitted as Microsoft Word document. Name the file Full Name.City.State

✅ Required Documents

[ ] Applicant is a graduating high school senior or GED recipient (Fall 2025 – Summer 2026), planning to attend post-secondary/vocational/trade school with a minimum 2.0 GPA

[ ] Completed application (exclude general info/instructions)

[ ] Unofficial high school transcript, homeschool transcript, or GED certificate

[ ] Essay (750–1500 words; double spaced; 12-pt font; 1-inch margins) authentic work with <10% plagiarism: additional requirements below.

[ ] 2 Letters of recommendation from:

- [ ] Teacher, guidance counselor, school administrator, or employer (for GED applicants)
- [ ] Community service organization

[ ] Letter of acceptance to an institution of higher learning

[ ] Signed release form (and parent's signature if under 18)

[ ] Letter of introduction including:

- [ ] Who you are
- [ ] Accomplishments to date
- [ ] Family background
- [ ] Degree/certificate being pursued
- [ ] How scholarship funds will help
- [ ] How you will give back to your community

[ ] Recent professional headshot (no selfies)

[ ] Student's full name, student ID number, and name/address of school or financial aid office

[ ] Photo Submission Guidelines

Please insert a photo that meets the following requirements:

- Attire: Business casual
- Size: Standard thumbnail dimensions — 1280 x 720 pixels
- Format: Photo must be embedded directly into the PDF document

This photo will be used for official purposes. Ensure the image is clear, well-lit, and appropriately framed in a neutral background.

Essay Instructions:

Important: Do not write about NABSTMC™

Please choose one of the approved topics listed below and write an original essay that explores the history and impact of the Original Buffalo Soldiers. Your essay must meet the following criteria:

- Originality: The essay must be your own work and demonstrate less than 10% similarity when checked for plagiarism.
- Length: Minimum of 750 words and no more than 1500 words.
- Formatting: Use double spacing, 12-point font, and 1-inch margins. Submit your work in either APA or MLA format, including proper citations. Submit as a Word document.
- Research Requirement: Your essay should reflect thoughtful research and understanding of the Buffalo Soldiers' contributions, challenges, and legacy.

A. How the legacy of the Buffalo Soldiers inspires my journey today.

B. Character & Leadership Topics; Embodying the Buffalo Spirit: Leadership through adversity. Share a personal story or experience that shows how you demonstrated resilience, discipline, or leadership like the Buffalo Soldier.

C. How do you plan to carry the Buffalo Soldiers' legacy forward? Discuss your career goals and how they align with values like service, education, justice, or advocacy.

D. Lifting as We Climb: The role of the Buffalo Soldier in inspiring the Next Generation -Reflect on how their legacy influences youth today and how you plan to inspire others.

Submit Application:

Submit completed applications and the required documents in **ONE (1) PDF file** and one Microsoft Word document via email to scholarships@bsmcsf.org before 11:59 PM local time on January 20, 2026. **JPEG and GIF image formats** will be rejected. **The Subject line of the email is your Full Name, City and State**. Applications must be vetted by the local Chapter. The Chapter Scholarship Representative will forward awarded applications to the Frontier Scholarship Representative. If you have questions, please call or email Theo Harris at 561-714-8740 or theoharris@me.com.

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Scholarship Representative Contact Information: Theo "Kool Breez" Harris theoharris@me.com 561-714-8740

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:			

School Information Higher education (If you have not finalized your school choice, provide your first-choice school.)**:**

School Name:		**City / State:**	
School Type (check one): **Four-Year** ☐ **Two-Year** ☐			
Program of Study/Qualification Sought/Area of Study:			
Anticipated Graduation Date:			

Applicant Service, Extracurricular Activities, and Work Experience:

Use this space to list your volunteer service, extracurricular activities, internship, or work experience. **Do not attach a resume in lieu of completing this form. It will not be reviewed.** Duplicate this page if you have additional experience to share.

Description			
Total Hours or Average Hours per week:		**Are you still participating? (yes/no)**	
Start Date:		**End Date:**	
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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 Rights 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 or Guardian Signature: (if applicable) _____

****Your Local Chapter Scholarship Representative must acknowledge this application with a signature before sending to the National Scholarship Committee. This representative will be your first point of contact during the scholarship season.**

Theo "Kool Breez" Harris

Chapter Scholarship Rep. Signature Date

2026 Frontier Scholarship Representatives

Applicants: Do Not Send Your Application Here. If you are unable to contact a local chapter rep., please email the Frontier or National representative listed below. In your email explain how you tried to contact your local chapter.

Frontier	State	Mailing Address	Contact Information
Central	Arkansas Kansas Louisiana Mississippi Missouri Oklahoma Tennessee Texas	NABSTMC™ CF Representative Attn: Steven "Quick" Ester Scholarship Committee PO Box 960212 El Paso, TX 79998	*Find local chapter information:* *https://www.nabstmc.com/centralfrontier* Steven "Quick" Ester cfscholarship@nabstmc.com
Great Lakes	Illinois Indiana Kentucky Michigan Ohio West Virginia Wisconsin	NABSTMC™ GL Representative Attn: Tonya "Ms. Stiletto" Harris PO Box 10045 Charleston, WV 25357	*Find local chapter information:* *https://www.nabstmc.com/great-lakesfrontier* Tonya "Ms. Stiletto" Harris glfscholarship@nabstmc.com
Northeastern	Connecticut Delaware Maryland Massachusetts New Jersey New York Pennsylvania Virginia Germany	NABSTMC™ NE Representative Attn: Kaisha "Butterfly" Masters 6208 Spruce Street Mayslanding, NJ 08330 Germany Scholarship NABSTMC Internationsl Scholarship Attn: Monica "Butta1' Manly	*Find local chapter information:* *https://www.northeastfrontierbstmc.com/* Kaisha "Butterfly" Masters nefscholarship@nabstmc.com Monica "Butta" Manly intlscholarship@nabstmc.com
Southeastern	Alabama Florida Georgia North Carolina South Carolina	NABSTMC™ SE Representative Attn: Dorian "ShoTime" Brunson 1937 W. Palmetto St PMB #132 Florence, SC 29501	*Find local chapter information:* *https://nabstmc.com/southeast-frontier/* Dorian "ShoTime" Brunson sefscholarship@nabstmc.com
Western	Arizona California Colorado	NABSTMC™ WF Representative Attn: Cheryl "CeeCee" Caldwell	*Find local chapter information:* *https://www.nabstmc.com/westernfrontier*

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