

100 BLACK MEN OF BRADLEY COUNTY, INC.
Accrued Scholarship Program Guidelines
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The potential maximum payout for our scholarship is \$15,200.00 for a student accepted into the program as a high school freshman. The following table shows the maximum potential payout(s) based on the high school grade level at which the student has been accepted.

| Student's Accepted Year (High school) | Potential Maximum Amount |
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| Freshmen | \$15,200 |
| Sophomore | \$13,650 |
| Junior | \$12,100 |
| Senior | \$10,550 |

Section 1: Eligibility Criteria

- a) The applicant must maintain a cumulative 2.5 or high GPA (required to provide 100 Black Men of Bradley County with official transcripts with seal).
- b) The applicant must be free of gang-involvement, alcohol, tobacco, and illegal substance abuse at the time of application and must remain so.
- c) The applicant must agree to perform a minimum of 25 hours of documented community service work annually in approved projects for nonprofit organizations. Failing to do so may result in the forfeiture of the scholarship and its associated funds.
- d) To ensure that students are making satisfactory academic progress, the 100 Black Men of Bradley County requires that students submit their mid-term grades. This allows us to closely monitor their performance and provide guidance and support if needed, before it's too late in the semester. Students should submit their mid-term grades to the committee as soon as they become available.
- e) Any student struggling to meet the 2.5 GPA requirement will be required to work with a tutor. The committee will request detailed information about the tutoring program to confirm its legitimacy.
- f) All scholarship recipients will be assigned to a scholarship committee member so we can touch base with them throughout the semester to hold them accountable and offer our services. It is the responsibility of the student to be responsive to our efforts. Failure to do so could mean forfeiture of the scholarship and any remaining funds in their entirety.
- g) To receive funds upon graduation, an applicant for the Scholarship Program must be accepted at an accredited technical school, college, or university.

The 100 Black Men of Bradley County reserves the right to request additional information to confirm your eligibility for the program.

Section 2: Scholarship Payments

Payments will be made directly to the recipient's school of choice upon notification and in accordance with the school's scholarship guidelines.

It is important to note that any excess funds beyond what is needed to cover the student's tuition and fees may be released to the student, but only with approval of the school. This means that the school must agree to disburse the extra funds to the student and may have certain requirements or restrictions in place for doing so. Students awarded such scholarships should check with their school's financial aid office to understand the rules and procedures for releasing excess scholarship funds.

Section 3: Educational Expenses

Educational expenses that may be included for a scholarship disbursement can vary depending on the specific program and its guidelines. However, some common educational expenses that may be covered by our scholarship include:

1. Tuition fees
2. Room and board expenses
3. Textbook and supplies
4. Technology expenses, such as a laptop or software required for courses
5. Study abroad program fees
6. Internship or research expenses
7. School issued meal plan

If you need funding for expenses that are not included in the examples given, you must submit a request to the 100 Black Men of Bradley County. Your request must include your name, your school, verifiable proof of the expense (such as receipts), and an explanation of why you need the funds. Please be aware that we cannot guarantee approval of all requests. The 100 Black Men of Bradley County reserves the right to approve or deny requests based on the information provided. To submit a request, please e-mail: 100blackmenofbradleycounty@gmail.com.

Section 4: Correspondence with the Community Foundation

The management of our scholarships is entrusted to the Community Foundation of Cleveland and Bradley County. As part of the application process, you will be asked to furnish them with copies of your expenses, community service hours, and grades upon their request. By accepting the scholarship, you are committing to submitting all necessary documents promptly. Failing to do so may result in the forfeiture of the scholarship and its associated funds.

Section 5: Scholarship Onboarding Session Participation

All scholarship recipients who have been accepted into the 100 Black Men of Bradley County's scholarship program are required to attend a "Scholarship Onboarding Session" within 30 days of their acceptance. The session may be attended either in person or via an online format, such as Zoom or Microsoft Teams. Attendance is mandatory for all recipients to receive their scholarship funds.

Section 6: Acceptance

By accepting these scholarship funds, you are acknowledging that you have read and agree to comply with all guidelines of the 100 Black Men of Bradley County's scholarship program

Student's Written or Typed Name: _____

Student's Signature: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Today's Date: _____

100 Black Men of Bradley County's Scholarship Program: Guidelines for Community Service

Community service is an important aspect of our scholarship program, and we value the impact it can have on individuals and their communities. To ensure clarity and understanding, we provide the following guidelines on what constitutes community service for the purpose of our scholarship application:

Definition of Community Service: Community service refers to voluntary activities that benefit and contribute to the well-being of a community or a group of individuals in need. It is typically undertaken by individuals or organizations without compensation or personal gain.

Examples of Community Service: Some examples of community service activities may include, but are not limited to:

Volunteering at a local nonprofit organization, such as a food bank, homeless shelter, hospital, or animal shelter.

Participating in a community clean-up or beautification project, such as picking up litter in a park or planting trees in a neighborhood.

Mentoring or tutoring younger students or individuals in need of assistance, such as helping with homework or providing guidance on a particular subject or skill.

Organizing or participating in fundraising events for charitable causes, such as organizing a charity run, bake sale, or donation drive.

Engaging in advocacy or awareness-raising activities to promote social or environmental causes, such as organizing a protest, participating in a march, or raising awareness about a specific issue through social media or other channels.

Providing assistance to elderly or disabled individuals in your community, such as running errands, doing chores, or offering companionship.

Please note that this list is not exhaustive, and other activities that meet the definition of community service may also be considered.

Community Service Requirement: As a condition of receiving the scholarship, each student is required to complete a minimum of 25 hours of community service per calendar year. These hours must be documented and submitted to the 100 Black Men of Bradley County. Documents can be submitted electronically by e-mail at 100blackmenofbradleycounty@gmail.com.

Consequences of Non-Compliance: Failure to comply with the community service requirement may result in removal from the 100 Black Men of Bradley County's scholarship program. We take community service seriously and expect all scholarship recipients to fulfill this requirement as a condition of maintaining their scholarship.

Documentation: When documenting community service activities for the scholarship application, please provide detailed information, including the name of the organization or group you volunteered with, the duration of your involvement, and the impact or outcomes of your service.

Exclusions: The following activities are generally not considered community service for the purpose of our scholarship application:

Activities that are required as part of a court-mandated program.

Activities for which the applicant receives financial compensation or personal gain.

Activities that involve illegal, unethical, or harmful behavior.

Contact for Clarification: If you have any questions or need further clarification on what qualifies as community service for our scholarship program, please do not hesitate to contact us at 100blackmenofbradleycounty@gmail.com. We are here to assist you and ensure that your application is completed accurately and thoroughly.

We appreciate your commitment to community service and look forward to supporting you throughout your academic experience.

Today's Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Student's Name: _____

Student's Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____