

***NATIONAL ASSOSICIATION BUFFALO SOLDIERS TROOPERS MOTORCYCLE CLUB, INC. - SOUTHWEST ILLINOIS 2024 SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY COMPETITION ANNOUNCEMENT AND APPLICATION***

In 1993, the Buffalo Soldiers 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.  The name was chosen to uphold and perpetuate the heroic legend of the original ***BUFFALO SOLDIER*S** and the legacy of excellence of the African American soldiers who followed.

**Award:** College scholarship range: $1000 - $3000.

Open to all high school seniors of the surrounding Illinois metro area in pursuit of a higher education. This scholarship can be used at any Vocational/Higher Educational Institution attended by the winner.

**REQUIREMENTS FOR EACH APPLICANT: SAVE ALL PRODUCTS IN A FOLDER AND SHARE THE FOLDER**

* Must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.
* ACT/SAT Scores
* Official High School Transcript (or equivalent if home schooled)
* Letter of recommendation on official letter head from a teacher, guidance counselor or school administrator.
* Letter of recommendation for community service or volunteerism.
* A letter of acceptance to an institution of higher learning
* Signed Release Form (enclosed)
* Parent’s signature if student is under 18 years old
* Prepare a letter of introduction; that states who you are, your accomplishments to date, family background, and the degree to which you are seeking, and financial need.  Provide a brief summary on how you plan to use the scholarship if selected.
* Provide Student’s name, the complete name and address of the school and/or financial aid office where they will be attending school and student ID number. Checks will be mailed to the school via the student’s account.
* Complete all forms in its entirety. Attach additional pages if required.
* Incomplete packages will automatically be eliminated.
* Senior graduating the 2024 school year with a minimum un-weighted G**PA of 2.5**.
* Must submit completed application provided on next page(s) by deadline ***Friday, MARCH 29, 2024***.
* Must submit an original, **typed, double-spaced, 12 font, Times New Roman essay** (**500 words minimum**) neither previously published nor secured by copyright on one of following **topics below**:
* ***What impact did the Buffalo Soldiers make in war and/or peacetime? Why is it necessary to pass this legacy on to future generations?***
* ***Provide specific examples of how the Buffalo Soldiers accomplishments are still significant to modern day roadways, parks and mail.***
* ***The Congressional Medal of Honor is presented to the recipient by the President of the United States in the name of Congress.  Please provide a brief narrative regarding a Buffalo Soldier that received this honor and what can be learned from his life, efforts and commitment to duty.***

**NOTE: All documents must be saved in a folder and the folder shared/submitted no later than midnight, *Friday, MARCH 29, 2024* in one of the following methods: U. S. Mail—BSMCSWIL, P.O. Box 95, O’Fallon, IL 62269 / email—in .doc / .pdf format to the following email address:** **swilscholarship@gmail.com**