



The National Association of Buffalo Soldiers & Troopers Motorcycle Club (NABSTMC) Fayetteville, North Carolina Chapter

2025 William “Mr. J” Johnson Scholarship of Excellence Award



The National Association of Buffalo Soldiers & Troopers Motorcycle Club (NABSTMC) Fayetteville, NC Chapter is proud to announce the **2025 William “Mr. J” Johnson Scholarship of Excellence Award**. This scholarship aims to support deserving graduating high school students in Bladen, Cumberland, Harnett, Hoke, Moore, Robeson, and Sampson counties by providing financial assistance for their higher education pursuits.

About the National Association of Buffalo Soldiers & Troopers Motorcycle Club

The NABSTMC was founded in 1999 to uphold and perpetuate the heroic legacy of the original Buffalo Soldiers and the contributions of African American soldiers. The organization is comprised of five (5) Frontiers (Northeast, Southeast, Great Lakes, Central, and Western), encompassing **35 states and an international chapter in Germany**, with over **113 chapters nationwide**.

The Fayetteville, North Carolina Chapter, established in 2001 as the **16th chapter** in the NABSTMC, continues this legacy by promoting education, motorcycle safety, and community service. The chapter is a **501(c)(3) non-profit organization** dedicated to educating the public on the history and contributions of the Buffalo Soldiers while providing support for charitable causes and youth mentorship.

Scholarship Details

- **Scholarship Amount:** \$1,000
- **Eligibility:** Graduating high school seniors attending school in one of the seven counties (Bladen, Cumberland, Harnett, Hoke, Moore, Robeson, and Sampson)
- **Use of Funds:** The scholarship must be used toward tuition, fees, or educational expenses at any accredited post-secondary institution, including universities, colleges, vocational, or trade schools.
- **Disbursement:** Funds will be sent directly to the recipient's educational institution upon verification of enrollment. The recipient's student identification number will be required before disbursement.

Application Process

Each local NABSTMC chapter is permitted to submit up to **three (3) scholarship application packets** to the respective Frontier Scholarship Chairperson by the stated deadline. Each **Frontier Scholarship Winner** will then participate in an interview and be vetted by the **National Scholarship Committee** to determine the National Scholarship Winner.

Our Mission & Vision

The Fayetteville, North Carolina Chapter remains committed to:

- **Educating** the public about the history of the Buffalo Soldiers of the 9th & 10th U.S. Army Cavalries.

- **Promoting** motorcycle safety and responsible riding.
- **Serving as positive role models** for youth in our community.
- **Supporting veterans** and their families while honoring our fallen heroes.
- **Contributing to charitable organizations** within our communities.

We encourage all eligible high school seniors to apply for this prestigious scholarship and take advantage of the opportunity to further their education while honoring the legacy of the Buffalo Soldiers.

For additional information or to obtain an application, please visit our website at www.ncbuffalosoldiers.com

The National Association of Buffalo Soldiers & Troopers Motorcycle Club Fayetteville, NC Chapter is dedicated to preserving history, educating communities, and supporting academic excellence. We wish all applicants the best in their academic and personal endeavors.

Instructions for candidates:

Completed applications and required documents must be attached as MS Word documents or scanned in a PDF format, in **ONE** (1) PDF file. ***JPEG and GIF image formats will be rejected.***

The following are required to complete your application:

- Applicant must be an eligible Graduating High School Senior/GED recipient during the 2024 Fall / 2025 Summer school year who will be attending post-secondary or vocational/trade school in 2025 with a minimum ***GPA of 2.0***.
- Attach or scan the completed application only (typically page 5 through page 7); do not include the general information pages and instructions pages.
- Unofficial High School Transcript, Home School Transcript or GED Certificate.
- A 500-word essay on the topics described below
- Letter of recommendation on official letter head from a teacher/guidance counselor/school administrator, and/or employer (for GED).
- Letter of recommendation on letterhead from a community service organization
- 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, who you are, your accomplishments to date, family background, and the degree/certificate to which you are seeking. Provide a summary of how you plan to use the scholarship, if selected. Also, incorporate, how this scholarship will benefit you in giving back to your community.
- Recent professional head shot photo (In Good Taste)
- Provide Student's name, the complete name and address of the school and/or financial aid office where the student will be attending school and student ID number.

Essay Topics:

Write a 500-word essay (typewritten) on one of the following topics:

****Do not write about the Buffalo Soldiers & Troopers Motorcycle Club****

A. What impact did the Buffalo Soldiers make in war and/or peacetime? Why is it necessary to pass this legacy on to future generations?

B. Provide specific examples of how the Buffalo Soldiers facilitated the development of roadways, national parks, and mail service.

C. 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.

Submit Application:

Applications may be downloaded from www.ncbuffalosoldiers.com under the tab “Scholarship Information,” you will find the application. Completed applications and required documents must be scanned and emailed to anor.burnside@yahoo.com; bsmcncpro@gmail.com by March 15, 2025. On your email in the subject line put your full name and State.

Award Confirmation

The Scholarship Committee will choose the scholarship recipient(s) from the pool of applicants throughout the seven counties. The scholarship recipient(s) and school officials will be notified via email or certified letter no later than May 1, 2025, following selection of the recipient(s). The Chapter President or designee will recognize the recipient at an appropriate school sponsored function or during a Buffalo Soldier Chapter Meeting – to be jointly determined by the school’s point of contact, or the recipient and the committee.

Scholarship awards will be mailed, via certified letter, directly to the institution attended by the recipient(s) before the start of the current fall semester school. Recipient(s) will be requested to come back within 2 years of receiving this award to the Chapter during our General Meeting and update us on how they are doing in school.

The NABSTMC Fayetteville, NC Chapter Scholarship of Excellence winner(s) will be advanced to compete for the NABSTMC Southeast Frontier Scholarship Awards. The winner of that Scholarship Award will be advanced to compete for our National Scholarship Award.

Please contact members of the Scholarship Committee if you have any questions: Anor “Chief” Burnside, at (910) 494-4513 or email at anor.burnside@yahoo.com, or Cynthia “Lady Rose” Hafeez, at (910) 728-1964 or email at siscynthia@icloud.com.



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Scholarship Program 2025 Application

Application Deadline: March 15, 2025

Name of local Buffalo Soldier Chapter: Fayetteville, North Carolina

Contact Information:

First Name:		Last Name:	
Address:			
City:		State:	
Zip Code:		Email:	
Home Phone:		Cell Phone:	
Date of Birth:		Gender:	

Academic Information:

High School Name:		City / State	
Graduation Date:		GPA:	GED Score:
Class Rank:		Class Size:	

College Information (If you have not finalized your college choice, provide your first-choice school.):

College Name:		City / State:	
Institution Type: Certificate Four-Year Two-Year Vocational or Technical:			
Degree Sought: Associates Bachelors Certificate			
Major:			
Anticipated Graduation Date:			

Applicant Service, Extracurricular Activities and Work Experience:

Use this space to provide the applicant's volunteer service, extracurricular activities, and work experience during the applicant's academic career. **Do not attach a resume in lieu of completing this form. It will not be reviewed.**

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 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 and 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 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 Signature: (if applicable) _____

**** Local Chapter/Frontier must acknowledge receipt before sending to National Scholarship Committee.**

Chapter _____ Signature _____