

BLACK AMERICAN SCHOLARSHIP FOR ENGINEERS APPLICATION

Objective:

The Black American Scholarship for Engineers, annually renewable for up to four years, is a flexible scholarship of up to \$10,000 in financial assistance that can be applied to school expenses including tuition and room and board. As part of the scholarship award, recipients also participate in a rigorous mentorship program designed for personal growth and professional success.

Scholarships available:

1-3; annual award subject to renewal pending performance reviews

Application Deadline:

ROBIN TO DETERMINE, 2021

Eligibility Criteria:

To apply, students must be a Black American, Pell-eligible*, rising college freshman with acceptance into an accredited, not-for-profit four-year university or college. Applicants must plan to pursue a degree in engineering.

*Pell-eligibility: Pell-eligibility is calculated by the U.S. Department of Education after a student submits the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). It is based on family contribution, status as a full-time student, and the student's academic plans. The household income of Pell-eligible students varies. In recent years, 99% of Pell-eligible students came from households with income of \$80,000 or less per year. For more information regarding Pell-eligibility, visit the FAFSA4caster by [clicking here](#).

APPLICATION FORM

Personal Information

Name: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____
State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone Number: _____
(_____) _____ - _____

Email Address: _____@_____._____

Are you a U.S. citizen? ____

Have you ever been convicted of a crime? ____

Name of Your High School: _____

School Street Address: _____ City: _____
State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone Number: _____
(_____) _____ - _____

Date of Graduation: ____/____/____

Cumulative, weighted GPA: _____

Name of College or University You Are Attending:

Intended Major: _____

Are you a first-generation college student in your family? ____

Will you be applying for other forms of government-sponsored financial aid? ____

Are you eligible for a Pell Grant? ____

Academic Performance

1. Please list all math and science courses and grade earned from grade 9-present.

Ex. Physics 1, A
Pre-calculus, B+

2. List your three favorite subjects.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

3. Please list any activities you do outside of course work that relate to your interest in engineering or learning. Examples: being a student tutor, student teacher's assistant, reading or watching videos on related topics (please list a few titles), helping friends or family in your community with math or science studies or any projects you helped build or design, clubs, summer camps or classes related to engineering (science or math), or projects you build or design yourself outside of school.

Personal Story

We would like to get to know you and better understand your passion for engineering.

Long Answer:

Please answer the following essays in narrative form. Word counts are provided in parenthesis as a guide to length.

1. "Influences" (250-500 words)
Tell us about the three people who have influenced you the most in your life so far. These people can be living or dead. Explain who they are, what they mean to you, and how they have influenced you as a person.
2. "Challenges" (250-400 words)
Talk about what you feel are the two biggest challenges you face in your everyday life. Why are these challenges for you? How do you overcome these challenges?
3. "Engineering" (250-450 words)
Discuss when you realized engineering interested you. What kind of engineering do you like best? Why? What do you see as your "dream job" in engineering?
4. "Mentorship" (200-400 words)
A significant part of this scholarship program involves having a mentor who is an established engineering professional. This person will take you under his or her guidance to show you the ropes in the industry, network with engineering professionals, and help you find your right path in this field. Describe how you think you could benefit from such a relationship and what the opportunity to have a great mentor would mean to you.

Short Answer:

Please answer these questions in 2-5 sentences.

1. If you win this scholarship but discover you still need money for school supplies, meals, or school fees, how do you plan to cover these costs?
2. How do you see yourself using your engineering degree to improve the world around you?
3. We are looking for someone who geeks out on innovation and wants to work hard with the opportunities provided in this scholarship. What do you think is the coolest innovation in the past 10 years? Why?

Final Thoughts:

Please share any other personal stories or additional information that you think would positively impact your application. (250-500 words)

Additional Required Documents

You may either upload these documents to the online application or print them out and submit by mail with the rest of the application materials.

1. Two letters of recommendation. They must be from 1) a science teacher and 2) a math teacher. Letters of recommendation from other teachers or administrators can be submitted for additional information but are not required. Letters of recommendation cannot be from family members.

2. High school transcripts.

3. Student Aid Report (SAR) from your FAFSA documentation; this report is available after you complete your FAFSA and the information has been processed.

Nepotism Statement

Florida law requires applicants to identify any relation to any current board of directors or staff of the Black American Engineering Scholarship committee or The Helping Project, the presenting organization. Are you related to any member of the board or staff of the Black American Engineering Scholarship or The Helping Project? _____

Authorization Information

_____ If awarded the scholarship, I understand I must maintain the standards of academic progress in order to maintain the scholarship.

_____ I understand my name and information from my academic history may be released to the scholarship selection committee(s) and the scholarship donor(s).

I certify that the statements herein are true to the best of my knowledge and grant my permission for the information contained herein to be shared with the scholarship selection committee(s) and scholarship donor(s).

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____