

APPLICATION PACKET CONTENT/CHECKLIST

1. Completed application

100 Black Men of Central Illinois Scholarship is available each year.

2. Essay

3. Two (2) Letters of Recommendation

4. Official Academic Transcript

5. Letter of Acceptance from Institution

On official letterhead (original not required, but must be able to present upon request)

6. Proof of Enrollment

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BLACK MEN
OF CENTRAL ILLINOIS, INC.



**Academic Scholarship
2014-2015**

Dear Applicant:

The 100 Black Men of Central Illinois Inc. is committed to the growth and development of our community's youth. In addition to engaging in mentoring, education and health & wellness programs, we believe it is important to assist in the advancement of talented young students in the pursuit of higher education. We are able to provide scholarships to a few deserving students on an equal opportunity basis regardless of race, sex, creed, or religious preference.

Individuals applying must complete the attached 100 Black Men of Central Illinois Inc. Scholarship Application following the instructions below. The completed application and other required information must be postmarked no later than **May 17, 2015** to the following address:

**100 Black Men of Central Illinois, Inc.
P.O. Box 5170
Bloomington, IL 61702-5170**

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Traditional Student, Non-Traditional Student, Trade School Student, or Graduate Student
- Attending a post secondary, accredited institution or planning to attend
- Plans to attend school for the entire academic year
- Minimum grade point average of 2.5

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Scholarship Application

100 Black Men of Central Illinois Scholarship application is available February of each year and may be acquired from the chapter, local schools, or our web site www.100bmci.org. It is encouraged and preferred that the application be typed.

Letters of Recommendation

Two typed letters of recommendation, one from a school official and, one from a community member who is not related to the applicant. The recommendations must comment on the following: (1) the personal character and moral reputation of the applicant, (2) the leadership qualities of the applicant with respect to the applicant's previous school experience and the applicant's community involvement.

Acceptance Letter

An acceptance letter from an accredited four-year, two-year educational institution, or graduate school. If an applicant's acceptance letter is not available by the scholarship deadline, please contact a Scholarship Team member, Marcel Blythe at (309) 660-1804 or Raphael Jones at (309) 825-6890. (Note: This letter must be on the official letterhead of the educational institution)

Official Academic Transcript

Applicants must submit an official academic transcript from their most recent school/college or a GED certification.

The 100 Black Men of Central Illinois is offering three (3) distinct scholarship categories. You may apply for more than one scholarship, but you must submit a unique essay as noted below. The scholarships are:

President's Scholarship: There will be multiple scholarships awarded in this category and will be made available to the student who has shown excellence in academic and all around qualifications.

Heartland Community College Scholarship: This \$500 scholarship is specifically for students who have been accepted to Heartland Community College

Community Service Scholarship: This \$500 scholarship is made available for those students advancing their post high school career and have shown commitment to service in the community.

ESSAYS

Applicants are required to submit a typed essay, 600 words minimum, double-spaced, 8-1/2 x 11 with 1/2" margin.

If you are applying for the **President's Scholarship**, please complete the following essay:

Higher education has always been stressed in order to obtain a good job and a higher salary. Today, one out of every two college graduates are unable to find a job and those who are employed are often underpaid. Based upon these facts; "Is earning a college degree relevant in today's society?"

If you are applying for the **Heartland Community College Scholarship**, please complete the following essay:

What are your career goals, and how will earning a college degree from HCC help you achieve those goals?

If you are applying for the **Community Service Scholarship**, please complete the following essay:

Why do you believe that volunteering and service is good for our community **AND** describe a significant experience that caused you to alter your view of the world. The experience does not have to be service related.

AWARD NOTIFICATION

After receipt of the completed application and the required information, the 100 Black Men may schedule a personal interview with the applicant. All scholarship winners will be notified. Failure to submit all documents required by this application or to follow all directions will disqualify you from consideration. If you have any questions, please contact one of our Scholarship Team members, Marcel Blythe at (309) 660-1804 or Raphael Jones at (309) 825-6890.

Date: _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____
(Optional)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____

Date of Birth: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Phone: _____

Relationship: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Phone: _____

Relationship: _____ E-mail Address: _____

What school are you currently attending or previously attended? _____
(Please include address) _____

What other educational institution have you attended? _____

What degrees have you received (if any)? _____

When are you planning to begin your studies? (Please check one)

- Summer 2015
- Fall 2015
- Spring 2016

What is your overall grade point average? (High School/College) _____ G.P.A. Scale _____

When is your high school graduation? (If applicable) _____

List your favorite subjects.

- 1.) _____
- 2.) _____
- 3.) _____

List your least favorite subjects.

- 1.) _____
- 2.) _____
- 3.) _____

What higher educational institution do you currently attend or are planning to attend?

What is your current or intended field of study? (List Major & Minor)

What are your career goals after graduation from a higher educational institution?

Will you be a first generation college student? Yes No

Are you currently employed? Yes No

Please list the name of current or past employer: _____

Start of employment: _____

End of employment: _____

What is the number of family members in your household? (Please include yourself) _____

Are there any other siblings in your household currently enrolled in college? Yes No

Any other household relatives planning on attending college within the next four years? Yes No

List extracurricular high school activities you are participating or have participated in.
(Please include offices held, awards, or honors received.)

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| 2.) _____ | 6.) _____ |
| 3.) _____ | 7.) _____ |
| 4.) _____ | 8.) _____ |

List extracurricular community activities you are participating or have participated in.
(Please include offices held, awards, or honors received.)

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Have you ever been convicted of a crime? Yes No If the answer is a yes please explain.

(Note: A yes answer does not guarantee you will be excluded from scholarship consideration.)

Type on separate page if more space is needed

Is there anything additional about you or your experiences that would assist us in assessing your qualifications for a scholarship?

The 100 Black Men agree to keep all information confidential and will discard materials upon request. Application material will not be returned.

I understand that the members of 100 Black Men of Central Illinois retain the sole right to determine the recipient of this Scholarship. In addition, I understand that misrepresentations or false information on this application will disqualify me for scholarship consideration. I authorize the members of 100 Black Men of Central Illinois to contact my high school or university to verify the information stated on the application.

Signature _____ Date _____