

The David Franklin Bluford Education Award

Award Application

Purpose

Established in 2010 in honor of David Bluford, The 1906 Project, Inc. recognizes Queens and Nassau County, New York high school **female** seniors for their academic and extra curricular achievements in pursuit of their college degree. Scholarships in the amount of \$1,500 are awarded annually (half of the amount in the spring and fall semester as long as eligibility criteria are met) to college students who intend to pursue academic and/or career paths that would enable them to advance the causes as a future educator. Students must demonstrate knowledge in this discipline and must be able to show how their academic pursuits will bring them to this goal. **The student may not be a relative of the member of the 1906 Project, Inc. Board.**

Eligibility

Female students are eligible if they:

- Are Black or African American and current high school senior at the time of their application with demonstrated academic achievement;
- Are accepted as a first term matriculated freshman at an accredited four-year college or university in pursuit of an undergraduate degree;
- Have demonstrated leadership ability through participation in community service, and/or extra-curricular activities;
- Are U.S. citizens or legal permanent residents with a valid permanent resident card or passport stamped I-551;
- Have permanent resident status in Queens or Nassau County, New York (with proof of residency) at time of award;
- Applied for financial aid using the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

The complete application packet must include the following:

- One (1) Student Personal Information Form
- One (1) Typed Scholarly Essay from Student of at least 500 words and a maximum of 2,000 words using **Times Roman type face, 12 point font, double spaced and one inch margins on both sides**. Essay questions are on the last page of this form.
- Three (3) Letters of Recommendation: must be from someone who knows the student's academic accomplishments and/or community service achievements and accomplishments. **Recommendations should not be from a member of the student's family.**
- One (1) **official** academic transcript
- Official SAT/ACT scores

- One (1) copy of Fall registration PRIOR to receiving scholarship
- One head shot or personal photograph

PROCESS OF AWARD DISTRIBUTION: A letter of intent will be made to the awardees prior to the actual distribution of funds. Two (2) payments will be made during the academic year to the awardees. Awardees must submit proof of registration in the form of a bursar's receipt or a letter from the registrar of his/her college or university.

Students may use the scholarship to cover the costs of tuition, fees, books, room and board, computers, health insurance, study abroad and other college-related expenses.

**The completed nomination packet
must be postmarked no later than**

April 15, 2019.

Applications will not be considered after the deadline.

Incomplete packets will be automatically disqualified.

THE 1906 PROJECT, INC. RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY APPLICATION WITHOUT
NOTICE

Send completed application to:

The 1906 Project, Inc.

P.O. Box 110543

Cambria Heights, NY 11411

(Faxed or e-mailed information will not be accepted)

STUDENT PROFILE

Student Personal Information Form

All of the biographical information on the Student Personal Information Form must be completed.

NAME OF STUDENT APPLICANT:

Last First MI

SS#: E-mail Address:

U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Queens or Nassau County, New York Resident? ☐ Yes ☐ No How Long?

Date of Birth:

Permanent Address: Number Street Apt #

City State Zip Code Telephone Number

High School Attended:

Parent / Guardian Name:

How many siblings do you have? Brothers Sisters

How many have attended college? How many are currently in college?

Did you complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid form? ☐ Yes ☐ No

College (list the names & addresses of all schools to which you have applied):

School & Address Accepted? (yes / no)

DISCLOSURE

I acknowledge that I am currently a high school **female** senior with demonstrated academic achievement in pursuit of a baccalaureate degree with a major in education at an accredited four-year college/university.

Further, I hereby certify that the information provided in this nomination packet is, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct. I have not knowingly withheld any facts or circumstances that could otherwise jeopardize consideration of this application.

SIGNATURE OF STUDENT: DATE:

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN: DATE:

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Clubs or Organizations Which You Are Involved:

<i>Name of Organization</i>	<i>Duration of Involvement</i>	<i>Briefly Describe Involvement</i>
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Athletics

Duration of Involvement

Position & Awards

Community Service

Duration of Involvement

Briefly Describe Service

Work Experience

From/To

Responsibilities

Please attach additions if necessary.

ESSAY

Please provide a response for one of the following essay questions using the aforementioned specifications from the front of this form:

1. A range of academic interests, personal perspectives, and life experiences adds much to the educational mix. Given your personal background, describe an experience that illustrates what you would bring to the diversity in a college community, or an encounter that demonstrated the importance of diversity to you.
2. Describe which leadership characteristics you believe to be essential for creating greater opportunities at the intersection of entrepreneurship and high impact philanthropy.
3. Based on your experience and viewing the educational system as a whole, what one program and/or policy do you think should be implemented that would go a long way to helping improve how our students are taught? How do you envision it working or on what basis do you think it would work?

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

On official letterhead, please provide a Letter of Recommendation for the applicant. Please consider the student's academic performance, commitment to academic study, and involvement in community service. Student should be committed to the field of education as a career. You are welcome to include any other relevant comments that may be helpful in evaluating this student for the scholarship.