

List of Criteria and Required Documents

Qualified high school graduate applicants must:

- Have at least a 2.5 average on a 4.0 scale.
- Have been an active participant in at least two extracurricular high school activities.
- Have been an active participant in at least two church/civic activities while in high school.
- Submit two (2) letters of recommendation from officials of the church/civic organizations listed in the previous requirement. (NOTE: Letters of recommendation shall be signed and dated on official letterhead).
- Submit a letter of recommendation from a current member of the Texas Association of Black City Council Members.
- Submit a 400-word essay: Research a pioneer and explain how you plan to build upon their legacy in your own career. (See full prompt in application).
- Provide a copy of your acceptance letter from the college/university you plan to attend.
- Request from the Registrar or Counseling Office an official, signed, and stamped high school transcript.
- Submit a recent headshot/photo of yourself (to be used for promotional purposes if selected).
- Submit the completed application and all required documents electronically in PDF format via the portal on or before May 1st by 11:59 PM CST.

Qualified post-secondary applicants must:

- Have at least a 2.5 average on a 4.0 scale.
- Have been an active participant in at least one extracurricular college activity.
- Have been an active participant in at least one church/civic activity while in college.
- Submit one (1) letter of recommendation from an official of the church/civic organization listed in the previous requirement. (NOTE: Letters of recommendation shall be signed and dated on official letterhead).
- Submit a letter of recommendation from a current member of the Texas Association of Black City Council Members.
- Submit a 400-word essay: Research a pioneer and explain how you plan to build upon their legacy in your own career. (See full prompt in application).
- Request from the Registrar an official, signed, and stamped college transcript as documentation of successful completion of at least 12 hours in the past semester.
- Submit a recent headshot/photo of yourself (to be used for promotional purposes if selected).
- Submit the completed application and all required documents electronically in PDF format via the portal on or before May 1st by 11:59 PM CST.