



Application for the Tom Joyner Foundation 2009-2010 Full Ride Scholarship

The Full Ride Scholarship

The Tom Joyner Foundation Full Ride Scholarship is this organization's most prestigious scholarship award. One scholarship will be awarded to a freshman entering a Historically Black College or University (HBCU) in the United States in the fall of 2010. The scholarship recognizes academic distinction as well as strong character and personal qualities.

The recipient of the Full Ride Scholarship will receive full tuition waivers and stipends to cover room and board (on campus only) and books. The scholarship recipient will have to maintain a required 3.0 GPA (on a 4.00 scale) and 15 credit hours per semester. The scholarship award will be renewed each semester up to ten (10) semesters.

Eligibility

- 1.) United States Citizen
- 2.) Current high school seniors attending school in the United States (applicant must be anticipating completion of high school in the Spring of 2010).
- 3.) Minimum high school grade point average of 3.50 (on a 4.00 grade scale, excluding home school studies) and Minimum SAT score of 1300 (math and verbal only)/ or ACT score of 28.
- 4.) Applicants must have applied and been accepted into an HBCU by July 1, 2010.
- 5.) Applicants must have demonstrated leadership abilities through participation in community service, extracurricular, or other activities.

Selection Criteria

Students will be selected as finalists based on their academic accomplishments, intellectual and creative distinctions, extracurricular activities, letters of reference, and original essays. Finalists will be invited for a required interview with members of the Full Scholarship Selection Committee. Interviews will occur on or around April 2, 2010.

Application Deadline

The application must be typed and may be accessed at www.blackamericaweb.com. The application, together with ALL related documentation must be **postmarked no later than January 23, 2010**. Please place your name on all materials. Do not staple items together. Send the original and one copy of everything to:

The Tom Joyner Foundation
Attn: Full Ride Scholarship Committee
PO Box 630495
Irving, Texas 75063.
Address questions to the TJF Full Ride Program.
Phone: 972-789-1058 or Fax: 972-789-1411.

Forms to Submit

I.) Two copies of the applicant's official high school transcript that must be certified by the registrar or other recognized official. If SAT or ACT scores are not included, the candidate must arrange to have such results forwarded by a responsible official to The Tom Joyner Foundation Full Ride Scholarship Committee postmarked **no later than January 23, 2010**.

II.) Two copies of applicant's senior year high school courses for 2009-2010.

III.) Two letters of recommendation; one from a high school teacher and the other from a teacher, counselor, administrator, or person who can objectively assess applicant's abilities and character (no family members, please). Do not submit more than two letters. Please ask references to address the following:

- Reference's position or title
- Indicate how long and in what capacity Reference have known the applicant? Describe the applicant's motivation and potential for academic success. Please be specific.
- Describe the applicant's distinctive qualities or unique characteristics that you have personally observed that make the applicant particularly qualified to receive a Full Ride Scholarship.

IV.) Essay (Type as separate copy and attach to application)

- Please address in 350 words or less **the most impressionable moment in your life and why. How did this experience influence your goals?**

V.) Completed application.

I wish to be considered for a Full Ride Scholarship. **I have applied to a HBCU** and have read and agree to all conditions stipulated for Full Ride Scholarship candidates. I include in this application items, I, II, III, IV, and V. Confidential letters of reference written on my behalf will be sealed in individual enveloped and signed along the seal.

Signature (Required)

Mailing Address

Date

City, State, Zip Code

STUDENT PROFILE

Last Name _____ **First** _____ **Middle**
Int. _____

Address _____

Email
Address _____

_____ **Male** _____ **Female** **Home Phone:** _____ **Cell**
Phone: _____

Social Security Number: _____

Date of Birth:

Parents' Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

High School(s) Attended:

Cumulative GPA _____ **SAT Comp. Score** _____ **ACT Comp. Score** _____

Date Taken _____ **H.S. Rank** _____

Intended Field of Study

Educational History

__ I will have graduated from high school by June 2010, and will be a first time freshman in the Fall of 2010. If yes, please provide the following information:

Current High School:

Begin Date: _____ **Cumulative GPA (4.00 Scale)** _____

__ I have earned the GED Diploma. If yes, please provide the following information;

Date Tested: _____ **Score:** _____

Paid Employment

Are you currently employed part-time or fulltime? ___Y ___N

If yes, please list positions, dates of employment and brief job description.

Company: _____ Position:

Dates of Employment: _____ Total Number of Hours:

Brief Job Description:

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POSTMARKED BY:**

January 23, 2010

Mail Application to:
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Irving, TX 75063

(Applications received without the required information will be considered incomplete.)