

**CHAPLAIN (CAPTAIN)  
HENRY VINTON PLUMMER CHAPTER  
NINTH AND TENTH (HORSE) CAVALRY ASSOCIATION  
"BUFFALO SOLDIERS"**



**2021-2022 SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT  
AND APPLICATION**

The Chaplain (Captain) Henry Vinton Plummer Chapter

Scholarship Committee

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**INTRODUCTION**

Soon after the Civil War, Congress established several all black Army regiments to serve in the southwestern territories. Cavalrymen assigned to these regiments became known as “Buffalo Soldiers”, a name believed to have been started by Native Americans. The term is now used to refer to all black soldiers who served in the Army before the Armed Forces were desegregated.

Nationally, the Ninth and Tenth (Horse) Cavalry Association was established to recognize and educate the public on the accomplishments of these brave men. The Chaplain (Captain) Henry Vinton Plummer Chapter, located in Prince George’s County Maryland, exists to further the objectives of the National Association while providing service to local communities.

**ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR APPLICANTS**

The Plummer Chapter of the Ninth and Tenth (Horse) Cavalry Association is pleased to announce that it is giving a \$1,000 scholarship award to one or more deserving Prince George’s County students. This award is to be used to continue the education of the student(s) at an accredited, degree-granting institution of higher education. This is a call for all eligible students to apply for this one-time award.

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

To be eligible, the student applicant must be a graduating senior at a high school in Prince George’s County, Maryland. He or she must be able to prove acceptance at and must plan to attend an accredited, degree-granting institution of higher education of the student’s choice.

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A student selected for this award does not, necessarily, have to have the highest grade point average. However, the student's activities, essay, and letters of recommendation must show a history of leadership, resourcefulness, and hard work ethic.

Specifically, the student must:

1. **Submit a completed application to the Plummer Chapter Scholarship Committee no later than May 30, 2022.**
2. **Show acceptance at an accredited, degree-granting institution of higher education;**
3. **Submit a copy of all official high school and other (if applicable) transcripts;**
4. **Submit a one-to-four page, double-spaced original essay (written by the STUDENT) on the topic listed below;**
5. **Submit two letters of recommendation from a teacher, guidance counselor, minister, employer, or community leader; and**
6. **Submit a recent (within the past two years) personal photo.**

### **SCHOLARSHIP EVALUATION CRITERIA**

The student will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. **The student's overall grade point average must be at least a 2.0 based on a 4.0 scale;**
2. **The student's contributions to his or her school and community; (the highest scoring in this area will be given to activities that reflect the student's field of interest, leadership abilities, work ethic, and/or concern for the health and well-being of the community);**
3. **The strength of the student's essay on the following topic:**  
  

*Achievements and characteristics of "Buffalo Soldiers" worthy of admiration; and how I can apply this information to obtain my future goals.*
4. **The completeness of the student's application;**

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5. The financial need of the student as evidenced by proof of government aid to the student or the student’s family. A student may also meet this criteria if they live in a single-parent household; and
  6. The strength of an interview; if an interview becomes necessary.

### **POINT ASSIGNMENT**

Points will be assigned to the applicant in the following manner:

**GRADE POINT AVERAGE:**

4.0 or higher	30 points
3.0 to 3.9	28 points
2.0 to 2.9	26 points

**SCHOOL, COMMUNITY, CHURCH, INTERN, AND EMPLOYMENT ACTIVITIES:**

Five or More Activities	up to 20 points
Three or Four Activities	up to 15 points
One or Two Activities	up to 10 points

**ORIGINAL ESSAY:**

Essay	up to 25 points
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**COMPLETENESS OF APPLICATION:**

Letters of Recommendation	3 points
Proof of School Acceptance	3 points
Picture	2 points
Achievement of Deadline	2 points

**FINANCIAL NEED:**

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**Financial Need**

**up to 15 points**

**BONUS POINTS:**

**Up to 5 additional points may be given to students in active military families, students showing outstanding service to the community, or students having great financial need.**

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## OVERALL SCALE

The sum of all points will be determined for each applicant and each applicant will fall into one of the following categories. The Plummer Chapter Scholarship Committee will use these categories to determine the applicant(s) best qualified for the award. In the event that more than one applicant scores at the highest level, an in-person or phone interview may be required for the Committee to make their final selection.

90 and over	Outstanding
70 to 89 Points	Excellent
50 to 69 Points	Satisfactory

## NOTIFICATION, RECOGNITION, AND PAYMENT

### Notification

Once the awardee is chosen by the Plummer Chapter Scholarship Committee, the recipient and the recipient's high school designated official(s) will be notified by mail or e-mail.

### Recognition

The recipient may be recognized at a Plummer Chapter meeting and a Plummer Chapter member may be available to present the scholarship to the recipient at an appropriate school function, if such a function is held. *A student's refusal to attend the Plummer Chapter Scholarship recognition meeting without a reason acceptable to the Plummer Chapter Scholarship Committee could result in withdrawal of the award.*

### Payment

The scholarship payment will be made in the following manner:

1. *To the Institution* - The scholarship payment will be made directly to the accredited, degree-granting institution chosen by the recipient. The recipient must provide the Plummer Chapter Scholarship Committee with the school's applicable address, procedures, due dates, the student's ID number at the institution of higher education, and any other information necessary for payment to be made.

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2. ***To the Recipient*** - The payment may be made directly to the recipient with proof that the recipient's entire tuition and board have already been paid in full by other means.

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**PLUMMER CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

**STUDENT/APPLICANT:**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-MAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE OF BIRTH:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN:** *(Include address and phone number if different from above)*

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**PARENT'S E-MAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**HIGH SCHOOL:**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-MAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME OF GUIDANCE COUNSELOR:** *(Include phone number, if different from above)*

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**GUIDANCE COUNSELOR'S E-MAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**INSTITUTION OF HIGH LEARNING SELECTED AND ATTENDING:**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADMISSIONS OFFICER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-MAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**BURSAR:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-MAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**LIST OF SCHOOL, COMMUNITY, CHURCH, INTERN, AND EMPLOYMENT ACITIVITIES (Please include details on positions and offices held and years of service or employment.):**

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**SPECIAL HONORS, AWARDS, AND RECOGNITION:**

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***Additional sheets may be attached to this application if the space provided is not sufficient.***

**STATEMENT OF RELATIONSHIP**

**Are you, the student applicant, related to any officer, trustee, or donor to the Chaplain (Captain) Henry Vinton Plummer Chapter of the Ninth and Tenth (Horse) Cavalry Association? If yes, please provide the name of that relative and the relationship you have to that officer, trustee, or donor.**

**\_\_\_ No, I am *not* related to any officer or trustee of or donor to the Plummer Chapter.**

**\_\_\_ Yes, I am related to an officer or trustee of or donor to the Plummer Chapter.**

**Name of the officer/trustee/donor: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Position in the Chapter of the officer/trustee/donor: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Relationship to you of the officer/trustee/donor: \_\_\_\_\_**

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## CERTIFICATION STATEMENT AND SIGNATURES

I certify that the information in this scholarship application is true, to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant's Printed/Typed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Printed/Typed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Counselor's Printed/Typed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Counselor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## PACKET CHECK LIST

- Application (pages 6 through 10 of this document)
- Verification of acceptance or enrollment at an accredited institution of higher learning
- Essay
- High school and other, if applicable, transcript(s)
- 2 letters of recommendation
- Proof of financial need, if applicable
- Personal photo

## SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION

**This application and all required information must be mailed as a complete packet to the Plummer Chapter Scholarship Committee at the following address and is due no later than May 30, 2022.**

**Trooper Joyce M. Pitts, Scholarship Committee Chair**

**Chaplain (Captain) Henry Vinton Plummer Chapter**

**P.O. Box 1514**

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**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION YOU MAY CONTACT JOYCE PITTS AT 301-725-5214 or  
joypit1@hotmail.com. ADDITIONAL COPIES OF THIS APPLICATION MAY BE PRINTED FROM THE  
PLUMMER CHAPTER WEBSITE AT: [www.plummerchapterbuffalosoldierspgcmd.org](http://www.plummerchapterbuffalosoldierspgcmd.org).**