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APPLICATION GUIDE

This guide will help you successfully complete the scholarship application. Please follow each section carefully and ensure all required information and documents are provided.

SECTION 1 - PERSONAL INFORMATION

Eligibility Check

- **Do you identify as black?** (Yes/No)

- **Residency Status**: Must be a Canadian Resident.

- **Enrollment Status**: Must be enrolled in or accepted to a post-secondary institution for the academic year.

Personal Information

- Full Name

- Gender (options: Female, Male, Non-binary, Transgender, Intersex, Prefer not to say, or specify)

- Date of Birth

- Email Address: This will be used for all communication.

- Street Address: Must match your photo identification.

- City

- Province (Drop-down list)

- Postal Code

Additional Eligibility and Personal Profile Questions

- Are you a resident of Canada or will you move to Canada before the start of the academic year? (Yes/No)

- Are you the child of a sole parent or a sole-support parent? (Yes/No)

- Have you ever suspended your studies due to lack of funding? (Yes/No)

- Do you reside in subsidized housing? (Yes/No)

SECTION 2 – ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Educational Background

- Name of Educational Institution

- Major or Field of Study (options: Addiction and Mental Health, Automotive, Business Administration/Commerce, etc.)

- Current Year of Studies

- Expected Graduation Date

- Average Grade (in percentage)

- Academic Honours or Awards: Provide details if any.

SECTION 3: FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Financial Support Details

- Have you applied for any other financial support (e.g., OSAP, scholarships, bursaries)? (Yes/No, provide details)

- Are you currently receiving financial aid from your educational institution? (Yes/No, provide details)

- Are you currently receiving any scholarships or grants? (Yes/No, provide details)

Budget

- **Income**: Enter your income for the academic year, including current bank balance, net income from work, spouse's income, OSAP or other government student aid, child tax credit/GST rebate/orphan's benefit, parental support, RESP, grants/scholarships/bursaries, fellowships/gifts, assets which can be liquidated, and other income.

- **Expenses**: Enter your expenses for the academic year, including tuition, books/course supplies, housing (university residence/rent), utilities, telephone/internet, groceries/food, transportation, health/personal care, childcare, accessibility needs, entertainment, and other expenses.

- Total Income and Total Expenses will auto-calculate your total financial need (Total Income - Total Expenses).

Financial Need Appeal (500 words) Explain your financial pressures and hardships, prospects for summer earnings and savings, extraordinary fees and costs, loan details, projected debt burden, support for children and/or family, previous study suspensions due to lack of funding, and if you reside in subsidized housing. Also, describe how you plan to give back to the Black community if awarded the scholarship.

SECTION 4: PERSONAL STATEMENT

Tell Us Your Personal Story (1000 words) Describe your background, community service, leadership roles, academic achievements, and extracurricular activities. Explain how you plan to give back to the Black community if awarded the scholarship.

Career or Occupational Objectives Explain your career goals and the professional field or job position you aim to enter after completing your studies.

Community Service/Engagement Describe your involvement in community projects, leadership roles, and volunteer experiences.

Extracurricular Activities Highlight significant extracurricular activities and your level of participation.

SECTION 5: REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

Letter of Recommendation Submit one letter from a:

- Teacher, guidance counselor, principal, or vice-principal.

- Community member, employer, volunteer coordinator, or faith leader.

- Athletic director or coach.

Resume Include a resume detailing your personal, educational, and professional history.

Photograph Submit a high-resolution, high-quality portrait photograph.

Transcript Attach your academic transcript in .jpg, .jpeg, or .pdf format.

Photo Identification Attach a government-issued photo ID with your mailing address. If you do not have a government photo ID with your mailing address, upload a government-issued photo ID and a copy of a telephone, utility, credit card bill, or banking statement that includes your mailing address.

Acceptance Letter Attach your acceptance letter (.pdf, .jpg, .jpeg format only) from the post-secondary institution, clearly showing the institution's logo. If the acceptance letter is via email, ensure the "from" field, signatory, their title, academic institution, and contact information are clearly shown.

SECTION 6: CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE

By signing the application, you certify that:

- You identify as Black.

- The information provided in the application is true and accurate to the best of your knowledge.

- You authorize the BBPA to use your photos and recordings for publicity about the program and its impacts.