

2020

## G.E.R.M. Scholarship Application

Please complete the application in its entirety.

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**No exceptions!**



G.E.R.M. (*Giving Essential Resources to Minorities*) is a non-for-profit 501© 3 organization created in February 2019 with the vision to help minority youth achieve their secondary education goals and prepare them for high demand career opportunities.

**Purpose:** To provide scholarships to deserving area youth from single parent households that have need of financial assistance, are active in supporting the community in which they live, and show an eagerness to achieve through knowledge by intending to pursue post-high school course of study at either college/university or other post-secondary educational institution. Scholarships are awarded based on financial need shown on completed FAFSA form, applicant's academic performance, Community Service hours performed, and essay response. *Award amount is \$1,000 per scholarship winner.*

1. DEADLINE for scholarship applications is April 1, 2020. (**no exceptions**).
2. Refer to criteria below for eligibility requirements.
3. Refer to application process below for a list of the supporting documents needed (i.e., reference forms, evidence of GPA, etc.) Incomplete applications will not be considered.
4. If any question does not apply to you in this application please put N/A in the space.
5. Type or print legibly. Illegible applications will be returned to you.
6. You will be notified by mail in May 2020 regarding the status of your application.
7. If you have any questions about the application, please contact **Tiffany Sweeney** at [tiffanysweeney@germsscholars.com](mailto:tiffanysweeney@germsscholars.com).
8. Scholarship funds will only be awarded to the student's college or university account upon evidence of registration in an accredited post-secondary institution.

### **Criteria:**

1. Applicant must be a resident of Hillsborough County and reside in a single parent household.
2. Applicant must be a graduating high school senior in the year of the scholarship award.
3. Applicant must have a cumulative unweighted G.P.A of 3.2 or greater.
4. Applicant must have a minimum of 25 hours of Community Service.

### **Application Process:**

Applicant must submit the following items:

1. Completed application form (if handwritten, please print legibly)
2. Letter of application addressed to the Scholarship Committee. The letter should contain a brief explanation of career goals and biographical (background) information.
3. Two (2) letters of recommendations from choice of high school teachers, administrators, counselors, employers, or individual with significant knowledge of applicant's experience and involvement.
4. An official and recent high school transcript with cumulative grade point average and a class standing/rank.
5. Copy of the completed final page of submitted 2020 FAFSA application form
6. Personal Essay (*typed*) submitted along with application on separate sheet(s) of paper. *500 word max.*



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9.	ACT Score: _____ Or SAT Score: _____ <p style="text-align: right;">A copy of your ACT or SAT score sheet on official high school transcript is required.</p>
10.	Name & address of parent or legal guardian: Use reverse side of application if you need more space. Name: _____  Street: _____  City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Home phone: _____  Family: Brothers _____ Sisters _____  Other family members _____ residing in home

11.	Name and city of other high schools attended:	Number of years attended:
12.	If decided. What specialty/major and/or minor do you plan to study as you continue your education? _____	
Comments:		

Use an additional sheet if you need more room to list educational goals, academic honors and community service activities as requested in items 13, 14, 15, & 16.

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13.	What are your educational and professional goals and objectives?
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14.	List your academic honors, awards and membership activities while in high school:
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15.	List your community service activities, hobbies, outside interests, and extracurricular activities:
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16.	<p><b>Personal Essay</b> - Please answer the following question (500 word max):</p> <p><b><i>You are writing your autobiography, describe an experience in your life that motivated you to pursue a higher education degree.</i></b></p> <p>Submit your response on an additional sheet with this application.</p>
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17.	<p>A. The following items must be attached to this application in order for the application to qualify to be reviewed by the scholarship committee.</p> <p>B. Your application will be returned to you if these items are not attached to this application. (No exceptions.)</p> <p>C. Circle "YES" or "NO" to be sure you have attached each item as required.</p>		
	YES	NO	<p><b>Two (2) reference letters.</b> Return these completed letters in a sealed envelope from your teachers or professors.</p>
	YES	NO	<p><b>Proof financial need and single parent household.</b> A copy of the completed portion of the student's submitted 2020 FAFSA form.</p>
	YES	NO	<p><b>Most recent <u>official</u> high school transcript.</b> Photocopies of your transcript are <b><u>not acceptable</u></b>.</p>
	YES	NO	<p><b>Personal Essay</b> attached on separate sheet(s) of paper. 500 word max.</p>
	YES	NO	<p><b>Documented Community Service.</b> Documentation must appear on the letterhead of the organization/company where service was performed.</p>

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### **STATEMENT OF ACCURACY**

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that my picture may be taken and used for any purpose deemed necessary to promote the G.E.R.M. scholarship program.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, according to the G.E.R.M. Scholarship policy, I must provide evidence of enrollment/registration at the post-secondary institution of my choice before scholarship funds can be awarded.

Signature of Scholarship Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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***Please Attach Your Personal Essay***