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Dear Laymen,

The Laymen's Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention USA, Inc. has setup scholarships for graduating high school senior young men. The Laymen have a goal to help 7 young men start their educational endeavors by bestowing a scholarship to an accredited school of their choice immediately after graduation from high school. Although the number of scholarships are limited, every young man has an equal opportunity to compete and win if they meet the following criteria.

1. Applicant must be a member in good standing of an NBC USA, Inc. Church currently registered in the convention.
2. Applicant must be a graduating senior from an accredited high school with an overall grade point average of 2.5 or higher.
3. Applicant must complete and mail all of the following items and they must be postmarked by the deadline of 15 June 2021:
 - a. Completed Laymen Scholarship Application form
 - b. Letter of recommendation signed by their Pastor or in the absence of a Pastor their Church signed by the Chairman of the Deacon Board.
 - c. Each applicant must be sponsored by a Laymen currently registered with the National Baptist Laymen's Auxiliary and the sponsor must submit a Letter of recommendation for the applicant.
 - d. Each applicant must provide an essay on the topic provided below using the guidelines stated
 - e. Copy of High School transcript showing GPA and graduation if available.
4. The application review process this year is virtual. Once your package is received at the address below the applicant will be notified of a scheduled time to meet the judges for their interview and oratorical presentation. Missing your scheduled time could mean disqualification.

5. Applicant must show a competitive nature to win and a Christ like attitude to participate.

The Scholarship committee is urging the Senior Laymen throughout the country to entice the Junior Laymen to participate in this endeavor. You can't win if you don't enter. Remember all things are possible through Christ.

I.V. Reeves Jr., President

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NBC USA, Inc. Laymen's Auxiliary Scholarship Application

Please Type or Print Legibly

First Name _____ Middle Initial _____ Last Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____ E-Mail Address _____

Parents'/Guardians' Name _____ Phone Number _____

High School _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Cumulative GPA _____ Graduation Date _____

SAT Score _____ ACT Score _____

Laymen Sponsor _____ Registered _____

Applicant's Church _____ Pastor _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Church Phone _____ Church Registration _____

College or University Attending _____

Phone _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

**Please return all forms to Laymen's Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 10724,
Oklahoma City, OK 73140. Applications must be post marked by June 15, 2021 for
consideration.**

Essay Requirements

- Topic: **Taking my faith to the next level: How I will exhibit Christianity in college**
- Essay Requirements -title page, no abstract, go right into the essay; minimum of 2 pages (body); max is 3, reference page.
- Margins - 1 inch (standard); 12 inch font; Times New Roman.
- Alignment - flush left
- Running Head - not to exceed (50) characters, including punctuation and spacing; should include last name, title of essay.
- Provide example of paper with all requirements.
- Page numbering - required.
- What should be listed on the title page: title, name, church, city, state, and date.
- Text Citation - we still need to close that discussion

Title Page

The Title Page should contain the title of your paper, your name as its author and indicate your church, city, state and date.

Body

The body of your essay begins on new page, page 2. The body is a minimum of 2 pages and a maximum of 3 pages. Avoid hyphenating words at the end of each line.

Text Citation and References

Text Citations are important to avoid issues of plagiarism. When documenting source materials, the author/s and date/s of the sources should be cited within the body of the essay. The main principle is that all ideas and words of others should be properly and formally acknowledged and not plagiarized. Citations should not be quoted, rather use of citations should be summarized.

The Reference Section lists all the sources you've previously cited in the body of your essay. Please utilize APA standards through this essay with citations and references. Utilize a minimum of 2 sources and a maximum of 3 sources.

Oratorical Presentation

Choose one of the three topics to present in the Oratorical presentation. The presentation must be a minimum of 3 minutes and no longer than 5 minutes. You will be judged and timed by the interview panel.

- 1. Your testimony: What has God done for you?**
- 2. How has your faith been tested**
- 3. How will you make your life goals a reality?**

The interview panel will also judge the following:

- **Vocal Quality:** Conversational tone, powerful throughout, ability to captivate audience
- **Vocal Technique:** Crystal clear articulation, crystal clear pronunciation throughout speech, ability to project voice without yelling.
- **Flow/Pacing:** Speech was fluid, engaging, effectively used pauses and emphasized points
- **Body Language:** Looked comfortable, use of hands, facial, and body expressions naturally
- **Eye Contact:** Use of notes only as cues, sustained eye contact in all areas of the room and throughout the speech
- **Introduction/Main Idea (Thesis):** Clear preview or statement that transitioned easily into the speech.
- **Relevance to topic:** Supporting examples to enhance speech
- **Conclusion:** Speakers ability to complete thoughts, and end oratory

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