



**Hampton Roads Black Media Professionals High School Scholarship Application**

Hampton Roads Black Media Professionals (HRBMP) is a nonprofit organization of communicators dedicated to inspiring African-American students to pursue college and media related careers. HRBMP will award scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$1,000 to high school seniors in Hampton Roads who intend to pursue journalism or media-related studies in college this coming school year. Winners will be notified in April.

POSTMARK DEADLINE: May 1, 2020

Mail Application to: HRBMP, 5540 Bulls Bay Drive, Virginia Beach, VA. 23462 or email to [larubama@yahoo.com](mailto:larubama@yahoo.com)

Please contact Larry Rubama with any questions about the application at [larubama@yahoo.com](mailto:larubama@yahoo.com)

**APPLICANT GENERAL INFORMATION:** Please print or type

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Alt Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about the HRBMP scholarship program? \_\_\_\_\_

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**APPLICANT ACADEMIC INFORMATION:**

HighSchool: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Intended College Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Colleges Applied To: \_\_\_\_\_

Colleges Accepted To: \_\_\_\_\_

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CERTIFICATION AND AUTHORIZATION: All of the information that I have provided in this application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand and acknowledge that providing false or misleading information may lead to the rescinding of any award. I authorize Hampton Roads Black Media Professionals to verify any of the information contained herein. I further grant permission to use my name, likeness and essays to promote and advance the scholarship program and HRBMP. I confirm that I have applied for or have already accepted admission to a college or university for the 2020-2021 academic year and am eligible to receive scholarships granted under this program.

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Applicant Signature and Date (required):

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Parent/Guardian's Signature and Date (if applicant is under 18 years of age):

### CRITERIA

#### **Scholarship Amount: \$500 to \$1,000**

1. GPA requirement of 2.5 minimum – Proof of GPA **does not** have to be an official transcript.
2. Student must provide a list of extracurricular activities, including such things as jobs outside of school, school clubs, community service and sports, he/she has been involved in during high school. **Dates must be included.**
3. Student must intend to pursue journalism or media-related studies in college and must provide proof.
4. At least two letters of recommendation. One must be from a current or former high school teacher. The second letter can come from the following, but is not limited to: a guidance counselor, an athletic coach, a high school administrator (i.e. principal, assistant principal, etc.), an employer, scout leader, pastor, etc.
5. Resume
6. Examples of written work or production reel. **(Not required but highly recommended)**
7. Student must write an essay between 500 to 1,000 words detailing why he/she is interested in pursuing journalism or a media-related career and what he/she hopes to achieve in journalism or in a media-related career. Students may include a current, former or historical journalist or media-related professional who inspired them to pursue this career field. **(Not required but highly recommended)**
8. Student must write a second essay between 500 to 1,200 words on one of the three topics:
  - I. Thousands of college students packed the beaches during their spring break. Many said they had no concern about the coronavirus. Do you think your age group is taking this pandemic serious? Why or why not?
  - II. There's been so much talk about the legalization of marijuana across the country. Some states have already legalized it. What do you think? What are the pros and cons if it was legalized.
  - III. The Democratic nominees has dwindled to two: Former Vice President Joe Biden and Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders. Who do you think has the best chance to beat President Trump and why? What issues do you think they need to address and why? Which person do you think is best for your age group and why? Who would you like to see them get as a running mate and why?
9. Student may produce a video on one of the above topics instead of second essay. **Please attach as an MP4 file or YouTube link.** (Be creative)