



# *The Dinah K. Somerville Annual Scholarship Award*

*The 2019 Black History Month  
“Theme: Black Migrations”*

The St. Mary’s County Black History Coalition (SMCBHC) will be awarding their 8th Annual Dinah K. Somerville Scholarships to deserving students who have been accepted to or are currently attending an accredited college, university, trade, or technical school for the 2019-2020 school years. The SMCBHC will award two students \$1,000.00 each, directly payable to the institution of their choice.

Interested applicants must complete and submit an application by the due date, January 25, 2019. Eligibility requirements and application instructions are listed on page 2. Applications must be submitted to:

The Dinah K. Somerville Scholarship Committee  
P.O. Box 829  
Mechanicsville, MD 20659  
or  
[smcbhc@gmail.com](mailto:smcbhc@gmail.com)

For additional information or questions, please contact the SMCBHC at [smcbhc@gmail.com](mailto:smcbhc@gmail.com).

# Eligibility Requirements and Application Instructions

## Scholarship Awards

- Two, One thousand dollars (**\$1,000/student**) scholarships will be awarded to two deserving students who have been accepted to or are currently attending an accredited college, university, trade, or technical school
- Application deadline is January 25, 2019
- Candidates will be notified by February 15, 2019
- Scholarship funds will be payable to the college or other institute of higher learning and will be available by the first semester of the 2019-2020 academic year
- Scholarships shall be awarded on an objective and non-discriminatory basis. Applicants will not be judged based on race, creed, color, sex, age or disability.

## Eligibility Requirements

- Current U.S. citizen and attended high school in St. Mary's County or currently attending an accredited college, university, trade, or technical school
- Minimum Grade Point Average (**GPA**) of **3.0 on a 4.0 scale**
- Current involvement in one or more of the following activities:
  - Community Service Project
  - Volunteer Work
  - Athletics, Performing Arts, or Other group/team
  - Employment
- Award recipients must attend SMCBHC Annual Black History Celebration on Sunday, February 24, 2019, to receive the scholarship

## Application Process and Supporting Documents

- Complete scholarship application (pages 3 and 4)
- Provide an essay (800 – 1000 words) from the topics listed on the Essay Questions sheet (page 5)
- Include a copy of your (student's) acceptance letter to an accredited institution of higher learning
- Include a current high school, college, university, trade or technical school transcript with GPA
- Mail completed applications with supporting documents to:

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Mechanicsville, MD 20659

Mailed applications must be post marked not later than **January 25, 2019**.

Electronic application and supporting documents (essay, acceptance letter, and transcript) must be received via SMCBHC email ([smcbhc@gmail.com](mailto:smcbhc@gmail.com)) not later than **January 25, 2019**.

**NOTE:** *Application and essay must be typed.*

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## APPLICATION

Postmark Deadline: January 25, 2019

*Please review the Application Process Instructions before proceeding.*

### **Personal Information**

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Gender:  Female  Male

Name: Last \_\_\_\_\_ First: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial \_\_\_\_\_

### **Preferred mailing address for notification (i.e. parent, school, home address)**

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

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

Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Primary email address \_\_\_\_\_

**High School Attended** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone ( )** \_\_\_\_\_ **Your Guidance Counselor's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

### **Academic Information**

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Name of the Institution where you have been accepted for the 2019-2020 academic year:

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Course of study/ Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Desired career or profession \_\_\_\_\_

Starting with your most recent, list service activities that you have been involved in during the **2018-2019** academic years. These activities includes: work experience, community services, honors and awards, leadership, and other extracurricular activities. If none, please explain why. (If needed, please include an extra sheet)

<b>Activity/Organization/Your Role/Position(s) Held</b> <i>(Avoid using abbreviations)</i>	<b>From</b> <i>(mm/yy)</i>	<b>To</b> <i>(mm/yy)</i>	<b>Weekly Hours</b>
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Work Experience

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Community Services

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Honors and Awards

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Leadership

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Extracurricular Activities

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### **Application Certification**

- I certify that all information on this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.
- I certify that I meet all eligibility requirements as specified in this application and accompanying instructions.
- I understand that I must notify the SMCBHC of any changes in my enrollment status.

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

# Essay Topics

Submit an original typed essay on a separate page(s). Essay shall be double spaced with 800 -1000 words. Use 12 point standard font Times New Roman, 1" margins on top, bottom and sides and ensure the essay is left justified. Insert page numbers at the bottom centered (no page number on title page). The essay should fit on standard 8 ½ X 11 white paper. Include a Title Page that includes the essay topic statement and the student's full name (centered on the page).

Note: No colored text (**black text only**), pictures or computer links

Select and respond to **ONE** of the following topic statements:

- 1) Do you think the Brown vs. Board of Education is still relevant today? If so, why or why not?
- 2) Based upon the 2019 Black History Theme, "*Black Migrations*" pick an African-American who has migrated to St. Mary's County and the pros of cons of doing so.
- 3) Explain what the theme "*Black Migrations*," means to you and your family.
- 4) Describe your career/degree goals and indicate how you will use it to improve or support your community.