



## City Of Tampa Black History Committee, Inc.

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February 3, 2025

**Katrina House**  
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To Whom It May Concern:

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The City of Tampa's Black History Committee, Inc. (COTBHC) will award a non-renewable **Presidential Scholarship**.

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The applicant must be an graduating African American high school senior in Hillsborough County School District, must have a 2.5 GPA or better (unweighted), and have performed community service within their community via school, church, or through a social/civic organization. Please make sure the scholarship information is legible, and the essay is typed, double-spaced, and at least 500 or more words in length. **Essay Theme: Jim Crow and voting rights issues were two forces that African Americans fought to overcome during the Civil Rights Movement. Identify a leader within the Movement and discuss their challenges, how their actions significantly impacted the trajectory of the Movement, and their legacy. How did this prominent person influence you to advocate for a cause you believe in?**

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### Required attachments to be included in addition to the application and essay:

**Frank Crum**  
Parliamentarian

- Three (3) references, (Pastor/Adult Leader in your church, adult advisor of civic/social organization, principal/teacher, etc.) explaining why they think you deserve this scholarship. Note: The letter should be personal and highlight your contributions and accomplishments. NO computer-generated signatures. The letter must contain an original signature on each letter AND the letter must be submitted on letterhead, or it will NOT be accepted!
- Provide proof of at least 100 completed community service hours.
- A professional headshot photograph, or a senior photograph must be submitted. ONLY (1) photograph is needed if more than one scholarship is applied for. Note: NO cell phone selfies will be accepted.
- A sealed and official current transcript from your high school.
- A student biography of 8 to 10 sentences that highlights your academic accomplishments and explains your personal and future goals for life and your education.

**Shirley Foxx-Knowles**  
Advisor

The application, essay, and all required attachments must be returned and received (not postmarked) no later than **Monday, March 17, 2025**.

Please mail to:

City of Tampa Black History Committee, Inc.  
Attention: Education/Scholarship Chairperson  
PO Box 1782  
Tampa, Florida 33602

Please adhere to the due date and include all required attachments with your application. Note: Any missing items not submitted with your application will be subject to a NON ACCEPTANCE for the scholarship you are seeking! There will be no exceptions!

If you have any questions, please email [cityoftampabhcscholarships@yahoo.com](mailto:cityoftampabhcscholarships@yahoo.com).

Sincerely,  
*Mindi R. Rainey*  
Scholarship/Education Chair

*Veronica Lee*  
Scholarship/Education Co-Chair

# CITY OF TAMPA'S BLACK HISTORY COMMITTEE, INC. PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Please Print (Black or Blue Ink) or Type legibly. Applicants

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Day Number

### EDUCATION

(UNWEIGHTED)

High School: \_\_\_\_\_ G.P.A.: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

What university/college will you be attending: \_\_\_\_\_

General course of study or intended major: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you applied for or been awarded other financial aid or scholarships? If yes, please provide names:

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**Extra Curricular Activities: (clubs, organizations, volunteering, hobbies, etc.)**

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Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_