



## City Of Tampa Black History Committee, Inc.

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December 1, 2025

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

**Arthur F. Parker**  
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The City of Tampa Black History Committee, Inc. (COTBHC) will award a non-renewable scholarship in honor of Tampa's first African American City Clerk and first COTBHC President, the late **Janett S. Martin**.

**LaChone Dock**  
Treasurer

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: Choose a female veteran or active-duty service member who inspires you. Share her story and explain how her achievements and resilience have motivated you to pursue your own dreams.**

**Shelishia Jackson**  
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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 **Friday, February 13, 2026**.

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



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

## JANETT S. MARTIN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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**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: \_\_\_\_\_