



# BPIRF

**BILL PICKETT INVITATIONAL RODEO FOUNDATION**



## GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

### **Lu Vason's Founder Scholarship**

Honoring our heritage and culture, the Fund's strategic plan affirms our commitment to the rodeo, arts and educating the next generation as we recalibrate our approach moving forward.

#### **BPIRF**

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Dear Applicant:

The **Bill Pickett Memorial Scholarship Fund** is committed to the growth and development of African America's youth and young adults. The Bill Pickett Memorial Scholarship Fund awards scholarships annually to deserving students to further their education. Recipients are selected based on academic achievement, character, school and community involvement. Awards can be used for full-time or part-time study at a technical school, a community college or four-year college. Students need to have applied or been accepted into a school at the time they apply for funding from the **Bill Pickett Memorial Scholarship Fund**. Our goal is to provide scholarships or grants to deserving African American high school and college students.

Applicants must meet all of the eligibility requirements and deadlines to qualify. Awards should be applied toward tuition, room & board, books and fees. Checks will be mailed from the **Bill Pickett Memorial Scholarship Fund** office and made payable to the education institution or awarded student. Individuals applying for a scholarship or grant must forward a complete application packet. Current scholarship or grant recipients must re-apply each year. Application packets must be postmarked within the application acceptance period. ***Incomplete packets will not be considered and returned to applicant.***

**Complete or upload your application and all required documents to:** [bpirf\\_scholarships@bpirfoundation.org](mailto:bpirf_scholarships@bpirfoundation.org)

**STEP 1** | Download Scholarship Application ([PDF](#)) or

**STEP 2** | Upload Video and Letters of Recommendations | [Upload](#)

For an Application to be considered complete, you must include the following:

- Completed application form (Applicants under 18 years old, make sure both you and your parent/guardian sign the application form)
- Answer all of the short essay questions on a separate sheet of paper within the recommended work limit.
- Provide transcript(s) of all completed high school and college coursework.
- Confirmation of Community Service (Options for Grants).
- Recommendation Letters.

Submit all items in one packet.

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## Eligibility

Students who will be graduating from high school or attending an accredited technical school, community college or four-year university in the United States are eligible and encouraged to apply. **All application must be submitted no later than December 30th of each year for consideration.**

Please note that applicants who are related to a member of the scholarship selection committee or a Bill Pickett Memorial Scholarship Fund board member are not eligible to apply.

## Selection Process

Recipients will be selected based on their motivation, goals, letter of reference, and potential for success in their chosen program. Applications will be reviewed by an independent committee.

## Award

- Up to 2 students will be awarded \$1,500 through a competitive process. Applicants may use this scholarship to attend a technical school, a community college, or a 4-year college.
- Awards can be used toward tuition and fees for full-time or part-time study. Scholarship money must be used within 1 year of the date that the students are notified that they have won an award.
- Awards can be paid directly to the recipient's school.
- An individual can apply for and receive a scholarship award from this fund for a maximum of three years.

## Application Form

Have you been awarded a previous scholarship or grant through the Bill Pickett Memorial Scholarship Fund?  YES  NO

If yes, what was the award and when? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## School Information - Please answer the following questions:

1. Name of High School \_\_\_\_\_
2. City, State \_\_\_\_\_
3. Dates Attended (Month/Year-Month/Year) \_\_\_\_\_
4. What is your current cumulative (unweighted) GPA? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Graduation date or Anticipated graduation date? \_\_\_\_\_
6. If applicable, what is your current cumulative (weighted) GPA? \_\_\_\_\_

Did you take the SAT or ACT?  YES  NO

- SAT/ACT Score - Please enter your composite score for the ACT or your math and critical reading combined score for the SAT. Only enter one or the other (the score you prefer that the Selection Committee utilizes in evaluating your application).

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### College Information

1. Anticipated Major or Program \_\_\_\_\_
2. Anticipated Graduation (ex. Spring 2020) \_\_\_\_\_
3. Expected Degree \_\_\_\_\_

### List your top two college choices. (If currently enrolled in college, please list the name and enrollment dates.)

- Name of College/University \_\_\_\_\_
- Status of Application or Enrollment Date \_\_\_\_\_
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- Status of Application or Enrollment Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Extracurricular/Leadership Activities - Describe up to three activities using the "Add Another Answer" button.

Activities can include sports, clubs, volunteer work/community service, paid work, etc.

- Activity Name \_\_\_\_\_
- Role or Position \_\_\_\_\_
- Dates (From-To) \_\_\_\_\_
- Time Spent (Hours Per Week) \_\_\_\_\_

### Questionnaire:

1. Are you involved in any rodeo/equine program initiatives (i.e. rodeos, rodeo team, or animal science programs)?  
 YES  NO If yes, List the rodeo(s), rodeo team or animal science programs and your mentor/facilitator's name and contact information.  
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2. Where or how did you hear about this scholarship opportunity?  
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### Essay

Applicants are required to submit a 500 words minimum essay using one of the following topics:

- Describe the History of Black Rodeo.
- Why should there be a Black Rodeo?
- Why I Deserve a Bill Pickett Memorial Fund Scholarship?

The essay should be APA format, 12 points Times New Roman type, double-spaced and references on a separate page.

### Letters of Recommendation – submit a minimal of two letters.

1. **Academic:** Please request a reference from a current teacher who knows you well.  
 Your reference will be asked to describe your character, academic ability, motivation to further your education and your potential for success. This process is initiated by you, the applicant, from within the online application. You are responsible for ensuring that your reference completes this request prior to the scholarship application deadline. This needs to be done in ADVANCE of submitting your application. The deadline for references is the same as your scholarship application deadline.
2. **Community Member:** Please request a reference from a member of your community.  
 This might be a pastor of your church, a neighbor you babysit for, a program coordinator from a program you are involved with, or someone that you have volunteered for. Your reference will be asked to describe your character and your involvement in activities at your school and/or in the community. You are responsible for ensuring that your reference completes this request prior to the scholarship application deadline. This needs to be done in ADVANCE of submitting your application. The deadline for reference is the same as your scholarship application deadline.

Questions? Contact Ken Johnson at [kjohnson@bpirfoundation.org](mailto:kjohnson@bpirfoundation.org)