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Dear Laymen,

The Laymen's Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention USA, Inc. has setup scholarships for graduating high school senior young men. The Laymen have a goal to help three young men start their educational endeavors by bestowing a scholarship to an accredited school of their choice immediately after graduation from high school. Although the number of scholarships are limited, every young man has an equal opportunity to compete and win if they meet the following criteria.

1. Applicant must be a member in good standing of an NBC USA, Inc. Church currently registered in the convention.
2. Applicant must be a graduating senior from an accredited high school with an overall grade point average of 2.5 or higher.
3. Applicant must complete and send the following items and they must be received by the deadline of 30 June, 2020:
 - a. Laymen Scholarship Application form
 - b. Letter of recommendation from their Church or Pastor
 - c. Letter of recommendation from Laymen sponsor or State, District or Local President
 - d. The essay on the topic provided below
 - e. Copy of High School transcript showing GPA and graduation if available.
4. Applicant must meet their scheduled time for oratorical and interview presentation. Missing your scheduled time could mean disqualification.
5. Applicant must show a competitive nature to win and a Christ like attitude to participate.

The Scholarship committee is urging the Senior Laymen throughout the country to entice the Junior Laymen to participate in this endeavor. You can't win if you don't enter. Remember all things are possible through Christ.

I.V. Reeves Jr., President

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NBC USA, Inc.
Laymen's Auxiliary
Scholarship Application

Please Type or Print Legibly

First Name _____ Middle Initial _____ Last Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____ E-Mail Address _____

Parents'/Guardians' Name _____

High School _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Cumulative GPA _____ Graduation Date _____

SAT Score _____ ACT Score _____

Laymen Sponsor _____ Registered _____

Applicant's Church _____ Pastor _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Church Phone _____ Church Registration _____

College or University Attending _____

Phone _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

**Please return all forms to Laymen's Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 10331,
Oklahoma City, OK 73140. Applications must be post marked by June 30, 2020 for
consideration.**

Essay Requirements

- Topic: **What it means to you to be a Christian African American Male**
- The body of the essay to be a minimum of 3 pages with a maximum of 4 pages which does not include the title or abstract pages.
- Margins on all sides (top, bottom, left and right) should each measure just 1 inch.
- Font for text throughout the paper should be 12-pt., Times New Roman.
- Double-spacing for the whole document, including appendices, footnotes, tables and figures. For spacing after punctuation, space once after commas, colons and semicolons within sentences and space twice after punctuation marks that end sentences.
- Alignment should be flush left or aligned to the left creating uneven right margin.
- Running heads are short titles located at the top of each of the pages of your article. Short Titles on the other hand are two to three-word derivation of the title of your paper. Running heads should not be confused with Short Titles. Running heads are typed flush left at the top of all pages while Short Titles are typed flush right. Running Heads are not necessary for high school and collegiate papers unless required by the instructor. These are instead mostly required for documents that are being prepared for publication. Running Heads should not exceed 50 characters including punctuation and spacing.
- Active Voice. Use the active voice. An example of this would be, instead of writing “according to the study,” it should be “according to our study.”
- The order of pages should follow this format:
- Title Page > Abstract > Body > References (if necessary)
- The page number should appear one inch from the right corner of the paper on the first line of each page. The title page will serve as the Page 1 of your paper.

Title Page

The Title Page should contain the title of your paper, your name as its author (including co-authors), your institutional affiliation/s and author note if applicable. In case there is no institutional affiliation, just indicate your city and state, or your city and country instead.

As mentioned earlier, your title page will serve as your Page 1. It should be typed centered on the page. If it requires more than one line, please be reminded to double-space between all lines. Your name appears double-spaced as well, below the paper title.

Abstract

The Abstract of your paper contains a brief summary of the entirety of your essay. It usually consists of just 150-250 words, typed in block format. The Abstract begins on a new page, Page

2. All numbers in your Abstract should be typed as digits rather than words, except those that begin a sentence.

Body

The body of your essay begins on a new page, Page 3. The whole text should be typed flush-left with each paragraph's first line indented 5-7 spaces from the left. Also, avoid hyphenating words at ends of line.

Text Citation and References

Text Citations are important to avoid issues of plagiarism. When documenting source materials, the author/s and date/s of the sources should be cited within the body of the essay. The main principle is that all ideas and words of others should be properly and formally acknowledged and not plagiarized.

The Reference Section lists all the sources you have previously cited in the body of your essay. It states the author(s) of the source, the material's year of publication, the name or title of the source material, as well as its electronic retrieval information, if these were gathered from the Internet.

Oratorical Presentation

For your oratorical presentation, you may choose one of the following topics below and your presentation can be no longer than 5 minutes. You will be judged and timed by the interview panel.

- 1. How can you improve in your Christian walk?**
- 2. How do you evangelize to others?**
- 3. As a Christian, how do I act around my Non-Christian Peers?**

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