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| Blacks at Microsoft  African American Heritage Scholarship | | The mission of the Blacks at Microsoft (BAM) African American Heritage Scholarship is to encourage and enable black high school students to (a) go to college, (b) realize the impact technology has on the world, and (c) target a career in the technology industry.  The amount of the scholarship to be awarded is $5,000 annually, which is paid through the Seattle Foundation on behalf of BAM to the recipient’s school’s Financial Aid Office.  There is potential for an annual renewal of $5,000 for up to four years for a total of $20,000. The criteria for renewal are that the student must: 1) continue to be enrolled in a four-year college or university, 2) maintain a minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA, and 3) have declared a major from the approved list (see Scholarship Guidelines).  **All completed applications must be postmarked by March 1st. All applicants will be notified of their selection or denial by April 15th.** | |
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| To apply for the BAM African American Heritage Scholarship, the student must meet the following guidelines:   1. Be a current high school senior of African descent (for example, African American, Ethiopian, African, or Black). 2. Plan to attend a four-year college or university of higher learning, in the fall of the year following high-school graduation. 3. Declare a major in **engineering, computer science, computer information systems,** or declare a major in **business** that is approved by BAM (for example, finance, business administration, or marketing). 4. Demonstrate a passion for technology. 5. Demonstrate leadership at school and/or in the community. 6. Have a high school cumulative GPA of 3.3 or higher. 7. Require financial assistance to attend college. | | | Scholarship  Guidelines |
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| Application Requirements | Please include all of the following materials with your scholarship application.   1. **Résumé**   Your résumé should include the following information:   * Extracurricular activities (school and community related) * Honors and awards (if possible, include awards that are technology related) * Work experience  1. **Picture** 2. **Transcript**   An official sealed copy of your current academic transcript. (Unofficial copies will not be accepted)   1. **Two Essays**  * In no more than 500 words, describe how you plan to be engaged in the technology industry in your career. * In no more than 250 words, demonstrate your financial need for this scholarship.  1. **Two letters of recommendation**  * One letter must be from a member of your school’s faculty. * One letter can be from a person you know through academic, employment, or community leadership experience. Do not include relatives as references.   *Letters of recommendation should be original and not duplicates of college recommendation letters. Each letter MUST be on letterhead.*   1. **A Completed Application Form**   Fill out the entire Application Form at the end of this document. You can type the information or print clearly. When you are done, print Sections I and II of the Application Form and make sure that you sign and date the verification.   1. **Send completed applications to:**   The Seattle Foundation  c/o BAM Scholarship  1200 5th Ave Ste. 1300  Seattle, WA 98101 | | |
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| **Application Form:**  Section I |
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| **What colleges and universities have you applied to?** | |  | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| **Which colleges and universities have you already been accepted to (if applicable)?** | |  | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| **College or university you plan to attend (if known):** | |  | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| **List any other scholarships you’ve been awarded:** | |  | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| **How did you hear about this scholarship? (Check one)** | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **☐** | Web site (please specify): | | |  | | | | |  | | | | |
| **☐** | School counselor/staff | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **☐** | BAM Minority Student Day Event | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **☐** | Other (please specify): | |  | | | | | |  | | | | |

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| **Application Form:**  Section II | | |
| **Verification:**  I affirm that the information included with my application is true and accurate in all respects and that I intend to pursue a degree in higher education. I also understand that, if I am selected, the awarding of funds is contingent upon my fulltime enrollment at an accredited institution and that the funds will be paid directly to the institution and used toward the cost of my education. | | |
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| **Signature** |  | **Date** |
| \*\* Please ensure that your application packet includes all of the required information and documents before sending. We will not accept additional documents sent separate from the original application packet, and only complete application packets will be reviewed. | | |