



*92nd Infantry Division (Colored)*



*Mr. Raymond L. Shelton*

### The Buffalo Soldier Raymond L. Shelton Leadership Scholarship

This scholarship will be issued to a deserving senior at four school divisions in the Southside District. One recipient from Brunswick County, Halifax County, Charlotte County and Mecklenburg County. The 2020 recipient will receive a financial contribution from the Southside Chapter.

Mr. Raymond L. Shelton was a resident of South Boston, Virginia. He loved his church and playing the piano. Mr. Shelton was blessed with 100 years of life before his passing in 2015.

Mr. Shelton joined the Army in 1942. He served in the medical battalion of the 92 infantry Buffalo Division. (This unit was formed in 1917 with African American Soldiers from all states) This unit was the only African American unit to fight in Europe during World War II. His musical talents afforded him the opportunity to serve as chaplain assistant for the army medic corps. Mr. Shelton was honorably discharged from the military in 1946.

Upon retirement Mr. Shelton relocated to South Boston, Virginia, where he started sharing his musical talents at First Baptist Church, Jeters Chapel Baptist, New Bethel, Mt. Olive Baptist, Ebenezer CME and all the nursing homes in the area.

Mr. Shelton left a lasting memory in our area as a leader, positive role model and a selfless human being. Among Mr. Shelton's greatest champions are the members of the Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club (108) of Southside Virginia. He was and still is an esteemed honorary member.

Mr. Shelton was laid to rest with full Military Honors on June 20, 2015 at Floral Hills Memory Gardens in Danville Virginia. This scholarship will be in memory of Mr. Shelton and his work.

The National Association of Buffalo Soldiers and Troopers Motorcycle Club is comprised of five regional areas called Frontiers (Northeast, Southeast, Great Lakes, Central and Western), each comprise of different states within the United States and one foreign country with one common goal in uplifting area communities. This organization is dedicated to the sport of motorcycle riding and safety. Our chapter is one of over 100 chapters across the country. ***The Southside, VA Chapter is a 501c3 charitable organization.*** This chapter was started by seven charter members in 2013 with a clear goal of riding our iron horses in an effort to educate those that ride and others who may be unfamiliar with the sacrifices and hardships the Buffalo Soldiers of the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> U.S. Cavalries had to endure. This chapter has proudly put over 25,000 dollars back into this region in the form of scholarships and donations to the Special Olympics, Cancer Society and Domestic Violence.

## Qualifications

The recipient of each scholarship will be selected on the basis of the following:

1. Fully Completed Application
2. Be a resident of Brunswick, Charlotte, Halifax or Mecklenburg County
3. Have a G.P.A of 3.0 or better (4.0) scale - Student must provide an official transcript
4. Provide a 600 word essay (2017 Topic - Explain the Impact of the 9th and 10th Calvary on Westward Expansion. 2018 Topic – Discuss and Explain The Fugitive Slave Acts of 1793 and 1850. 2019 Topic – Who was Cathie Williams and **2020 Topic** – What impact did the Buffalo Soldiers make in war and /or peacetime? Why is it necessary to pass this legacy on to future generations? (Essay Should come from the 2020 Topic)
5. ACT/SAT Score
6. Official High School Transcript
7. 2 Letters of Recommendation (1 – Community Service Organization and 1 – School teacher/counselor or administrator)
8. Letter of acceptance to an institution of higher learning
9. Signed Release Form (enclosed)
10. Prepare a letter of introduction, who you are, your accomplishments to date, family background, and the degree to which you are seeking and financial need. Provide a brief summary on how you plan to use this scholarship if selected.
11. Recipient of scholarship must provide a picture of themselves (5x7).
12. Please go to [www.bsmc-ssva.com](http://www.bsmc-ssva.com) and download scholarship. Mail or email complete Application. Please email to [dear4snd69@hotmail.com](mailto:dear4snd69@hotmail.com). Mailing address is as follows BSMC, P.O. Box 984, South Boston VA. 24592. Care off Scholarship Chair
13. Application must be received Monday March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Late applications will NOT be reviewed.

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Co-Chair: Mrs. Arleen Nelson [cajzoo2@gmail.com](mailto:cajzoo2@gmail.com)

President: Mr. Calvin Harrell



**Scholarship Application**

**The Raymond L Shelton Buffalo Soldier Leadership Scholarship**

1. Full Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

2. High School Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Parent and or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_ 5. H.S. GPA (4.0 Scale) \_\_\_\_\_

6. Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

7. County of Legal Residence: \_\_\_\_\_

8. List 2 References: (1 School Administrator) and (1 Community Leader)

a. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Position \_\_\_\_\_

b. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Position \_\_\_\_\_

9. List Activities (Memberships, Clubs, Volunteerism and Special Interest)

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_
- d. \_\_\_\_\_
- e. \_\_\_\_\_
- f. \_\_\_\_\_

10. How did you hear of this scholarship? \_\_\_\_\_

11. List Colleges you have applied for admission. \_\_\_\_\_  
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You must enclose a copy of an acceptance letter to a four year college or university.

12. List all Academic Achievements. (i.e National Honor Society)

13. Give statement of Financial Need. (This is an opportunity to state anything that would be of value to our decision.)

Please Sign and Date

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

Guidance Counselor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Terms & Conditions:**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, certify, to the best of my knowledge, the information on this application is complete and accurate. Falsification of any information will cause my disqualification from the scholarship competition.

I understand:

(1) It is my responsibility to make sure the application process is complete by the required deadline. If not, the application may be disqualified from the scholarship competition and may not be considered for an award.

(2) This application, upon receipt, becomes the property of the program sponsor.

I agree that, if selected as an award winner for the National Association of Buffalo Soldiers and Troopers Motorcycle Club Scholarship Program, the program sponsor or its agents may use my name and likeness and any other information or materials provided in connection with this program for purposes of news, publicity and advertising in all media, including but not limited to print and electronic media, press releases, internet websites and video media.

To comply with the provisions of the Family Educational and Privacy Act of 1974, I hereby grant permission for school officials to release secondary school records and other requested information, if necessary.

If you are under 18, your parent or guardian must also agree to these Terms and Conditions.

**Applicant Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Signature:** (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\* If the completed packet is given to a local chapter, local chapter must acknowledge receipt before sending to Frontier Scholarship Representative.**

Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_