



## **Buffalo 10 Scholarship**

### **Upper New York Conference Scholarship Program**

### **Guidelines**

On May 14, 2022, a mass murderer motivated by racial hatred killed ten African Americans and injured three other individuals. A group of clergy and laity from the Niagara Frontier District have gathered to discern ways to address the systemic racism that continues to impact residents of the East Side of Buffalo and elsewhere in our region. The Buffalo 10 Scholarship (UNY-Buffalo 10) is dedicated to helping youth in identified communities of Buffalo, New York succeed in higher education.

The **Mission** of the Buffalo 10 Scholarship is to improve educational opportunities in the zip codes adjacent to the Jefferson Avenue TOPS Market (14208, 14211, 14214). Specifically, the scholarship helps youth in these areas address persisting inequities by resourcing them to complete their college education.

The **Vision** of the Buffalo 10 Scholarship is more educated and empowered young adults serving in the designated area to create communities characterized by love, justice, and peace.

The recipient of the Buffalo 10 Scholarship will receive \$1000.00 a year for four years while matriculating at a college or university. The first runner-up will receive one time award of \$1000.00. The third runner-up will receive a one-time award of \$500.00. **NOTE: Scholarship funds will be awarded to the student upon evidence of registration in an accredited higher educational institution.**

#### ***Criteria and eligibility (Buffalo 10 Scholarship Fund applicants)***

1. Applicant must be planning to attend an accredited two-year or four-year educational institution in New York State.
2. Applicant must be a graduating high school senior in the year of the award.
3. Applicant must have at least a **2.0 grade point average** (or a “C” average).

4. Applicant must demonstrate community involvement in Buffalo, New York. Community service hours must be documented in the form of a letter.
5. All applicants must have 20 hours of community service in targeted communities in Buffalo, New York.
6. Applicants may not be related to any members of the Scholarship Committee. If an applicant attends a church served by one of the committee members, that member will recuse themselves from the selection process. Another person will be appointed to the committee to determine the award winners.  
Applicants may not be related to or have close personal relationships with members of the Scholarship Committee. If an applicant attends a church served by a committee member, that member will remove themselves from the selection process. Another individual will be designated to the committee to determine the award winners.  
Applicants must be willing to attend a scholarship orientation with the Buffalo 10 Scholarship Committee.

### ***General Instructions***

1. DEADLINE for scholarship applications is **May 1, 2024, 5:00 p.m.** (no exceptions).
2. Refer to application process below for a list of the supporting documents needed (i.e., reference forms, evidence of GPA, etc.) Incomplete applications will not be considered.
3. If any question does not apply to you in this application, please put N/A in the space.
4. Type and print legibly. Illegible applications will not be considered. You may also download a copy of the application online at [info@unyumc.org](mailto:info@unyumc.org).
5. You will be notified by mail in May regarding the status of your application.
6. If you have any questions about the application, please call the Metropolitan United Methodist Church at (716) 891-5652 or email at [Sangel54@verizon.net](mailto:Sangel54@verizon.net).

### ***Application Process:***

Applicant must submit the following items. Materials can be submitted electronically at

<https://www.unyumc.org/>:

1. Completed application form (if handwritten, please print legibly).
2. Letter of application addressed to the Buffalo 10 Scholarship Committee. The letter should contain a brief explanation about yourself and your college plans (college/university, intended major, and anticipated start date). The letter should not exceed one (1) page.
3. Two (2) letters of recommendation from choice of high school teachers, administrators, counselors, employers, or individuals with significant knowledge of the applicant's experience and involvement.
4. An official high school transcript with cumulative grade point average and a class standing/rank.

5. Personal Essay: Please discuss a defining moment in your life that has shaped who you are today. Essay must be between 2 and 3 typed pages, double-spaced, 12 pt / Times New Roman font. Essay shall contain no grammatical errors. In addition to your essay, applicants may submit a creative expression of your choice, which can be in the form of poetry, music, or art. Your submission should reflect how this moment has impacted you and the person you have become, as well as how you plan to use your experiences and talents to make a positive impact on your community.
6. A letter documenting the performance of at least 20 hours of community service. This letter can be submitted by an appropriate official from the agency where the service was performed or by the applicant's pastor. Applicant may complete community service hours by volunteering through an urban church in targeted communities in Buffalo, New York.

**DISCLAIMER:** By submitting your personal essay and creative expression, you acknowledge and agree that the Buffalo 10 Scholarship Committee may use your submission, including any pictures or application materials you provide, for communication and publication purposes related to the scholarship program. The committee may use your submission in promotional materials, on their website or social media channels, or in other communications related to the scholarship program. Please note that the committee will only use your submission for communication and publication purposes related to the scholarship program. Your personal information will be kept confidential, and the committee will not share your submission with any third party without your consent. Additionally, please be aware that the committee may receive many submissions, and not all submissions will be selected for publication or communication purposes. The committee will make every effort to review all submissions but cannot guarantee that all submissions will be reviewed or selected. By submitting your materials, you acknowledge and agree to the terms outlined in this disclaimer.

**Deadline** for the application is **May 1, 2024, 5:00 p.m.** Applications postmarked after this date will not be considered.

Please mail OR submit application in person to:

**Buffalo 10 Scholarship Program**

Upper New York Conference

ATTN: Buffalo 10 Scholarship Committee

657 Best Street

Buffalo, New York 14211

Sangel54@verizon.net

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## Upper New Conference Scholarship

### Program Application 2024

**Please check all that apply.**

☐ Buffalo 10 Scholarship

☐ Returning Recipient

Date of Application:

Please **type** or **print** your answers. If application is illegible, it will be returned to you.

1.	Last Name:	First Name:
2.	Mailing Address: Street: _____  City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____	
3.	Daytime Telephone Number: (      )	
4.	Date of Birth:    Month                      Day                      Year	
5.	Are you related to or do you have a relationship with members of the Buffalo 10 Scholarship Committee? (Please circle) Yes                      No	
6.	Current High School or Current College/University:	Number of years attended:
7.	I will be attending the following school in the <u>Fall of 2024</u> : _____ Proof of acceptance or current student enrollment from the above school is <b>required prior to funds being released to the college or university.</b>	
8.	I will be entering the above-mentioned school as a: (Circle one)  Freshman                      Sophomore                      Junior                      Senior	
9.	Grade Point Average (GPA): _____ (On a 4.0 scale) Attach a recent <b>official</b> school transcript.	
10.	Have you taken the ACT exam? <b>Yes</b> <b>No</b> If no, when do you plan to take the exam: _____ SAT exam? <b>Yes</b> <b>No</b> If no, when do you plan to take the exam: _____	
11.	Name & address of parent(s) or legal guardian(s): Use reverse side of application if you need more space.  Name (s) _____  Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____  ZIP: _____  Phone of parents or legal guardians: _____	
12.	Name and city of other high schools attended:	Number of years attended:

13.	What do you plan as your major as you begin your education?		
14.	List expenses you expect to incur per semester or quarter: (use approximate figures if necessary).		
	A.	Tuition:	
	B.	Books:	
	C.	Room & Board:	
	D.	Other expenses (Describe below under comments)	
Comments:			
15.	List other financial assistance you will receive per semester or quarter: (Other financial assistance will not affect your scholarship eligibility.)		
	A.	Personal:	Amount: \$
	B.	Other Scholarship(s):	Amount: \$ List below under comments
	C.	Grants:	Amount: \$ List below under comments
	C.	Student Loan(s):	Amount: \$ List below under comments
	D.	Other Financial Resources:	Amount: \$ List below under comments
Comments:			

Use an additional sheet if you need more room to list financial information requested in items 14 & 15.

16.	List your academic honors, awards and membership activities while in high school:
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17.	List your community service activities, hobbies, outside interests, and extracurricular activities.
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19.	A. The following items must be attached to this application for the application to qualify to be reviewed by the scholarship committee. B. Your application will not be considered if these items are not attached to this application. (No exceptions.) C. Circle "YES" or "NO" to be sure you have attached each item as required.		
	YES	NO	<b>Completed application.</b> All questions are answered completely.
	YES	NO	<b>Letter to Scholarship Committee.</b> Not exceeding one (1) page. Must be typed.
	YES	NO	<b>Two (2) Letters of Recommendation.</b>
	YES	NO	<b>Proof of college acceptance or current student enrollment.</b> A <u>copy</u> of your college acceptance letter is required for receipt of funds.
	YES	NO	<b>Most recent official high school transcripts.</b> Photocopies of your transcript are <u>acceptable</u> , if transcript is signed by a guidance counselor or principal.
	YES	NO	<b>Personal Essay.</b> Must be at least 1-2 pages, typed, double-spaced, and 12 pt / Time New Roman font. Please ensure your essay contains no grammatical errors.
	YES	NO	<b>Community service hours.</b> Must be documented in the form of a letter on official letterhead from the agency the applicant completed their community service hours.

### STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that my picture may be taken and used for any purpose deemed necessary to promote the Foundation's scholarship program.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship recipient, according to The Upper New York Black Leadership Caucus Buffalo 10 Scholarship policy, I must provide evidence of enrollment/registration at the post-secondary institution of my choice before scholarship funds can be awarded.

Signature of scholarship applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of applicant's guardian/ parent: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



***"Empowering youth in the designated area with need based Educational Resources."***