

Honoring Our Heritage



Old Settlers Reunion Association
627 Madison Ave.
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Purpose

To continue the preservation of the history and heritage of black people in Isabella, Mecosta and Montcalm Counties... to establish a scholarship to be awarded to worthy academic achievement....



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Scholarship Application

Background

The purpose of the Old Settlers Reunion Association Scholarship is to encourage and promote education to worthy individuals who are direct descendants of the early Black Settlers in Isabella, Mecosta, and Montcalm Counties.

Eligibility shall be granted to a direct descendant of the Old Settlers Reunion Association (OSRA) and/or legally adopted child of a direct descendant who has been accepted for admission to an institution of higher learning, i.e., four-year institution, two-year college, trade or vocational school or program.

The amount of the scholarship will be no more than five-hundred dollars (\$500) for any one individual. Two (2) scholarships are available each year provided funds are available. The scholarship is not renewable.

Scholarship Requirements

The OSRA Scholarship is intended to be awarded to individuals who reflect the character of the Association. The applicants shall demonstrate leadership abilities, contributions to the community (volunteer hours), and the potential to make significant advances in his/her future profession.

Preference will be given to applicants who demonstrate academic excellence (3.0 GPA or higher on a 4.0 Scale) during his/her previous scholastic career.

All applicants are encouraged to become active in the OSRA to ensure that our history is passed on from generation to generation.

The applicants shall:

1. Include a two hundred (200) word or more typed essay which details....
 - Research on his/her ancestry to include at least five (5) generations of historical information
 - What the scholarship means to him/her
 - How he/she plans to give back to the OSRA
 - His/her plans for the future
2. Include a minimum of three (3) letters of recommendation from non-relatives addressed to the OSRA Scholarship Committee.
3. Include a copy of his/her high school transcript.
4. Include a list of any extra-curricular activities (volunteer work) with the name of the organization or activity, the dates involved and the positions held.
5. Mail the required materials and application postmarked by April 10th, to the address:

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Scholarship Application Form

- Requirements Checklist**
- Essay
 - Letters of Recommendation
 - High School Transcript
 - List of Extra-Curricular Activities
 - Postmarked by April 10th

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Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial
_____	_____	_____
Street Address	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
City	State	Zip Code
_____	_____	_____
Old Settlers Family Name	Your Relationship	
_____	_____	
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Phone Number	Grade Point Average	

Please detach this form and mail to:

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