

**The Henry Vinton Plummer Chapter of
The 9th and 10th (Horse) Cavalry Association
“Buffalo Soldiers”**



**2025-2026 Scholarship Announcement and
Application**

The Chaplain (Captain) Henry Vinton Plummer Chapter Scholarship Committee

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INTRODUCTION

Soon after the Civil War, Congress established several all-black Army regiments to serve in the southwestern territories. Cavalrymen assigned to these regiments became known as “Buffalo Soldiers”, a name believed to have been started by Native Americans. The term is now used to refer to all black soldiers who served in the Army before the Armed Forces were desegregated.

Nationally, the Ninth and Tenth (Horse) Cavalry Association was established to recognize and educate the public on the accomplishments of these brave men. The Chaplain (Captain) Henry Vinton Plummer Chapter, located in Prince George’s County Maryland, exists to further the objectives of the National Association while providing service to local communities.

ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR APPLICANTS

The Plummer Chapter of the Ninth and Tenth (Horse) Cavalry Association is pleased to announce that it is giving \$500 and/or \$1,000 scholarship awards to deserving Prince George’s County students. These awards are to be used to continue the education of the students at an accredited, degree-granting institution of higher education. This is a call for all eligible students to apply for this one-time award.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible, the student applicant must be a graduating senior at a high school in Prince George’s County, Maryland. He or she must be able to prove acceptance at and must plan to attend an accredited, degree-granting institution of higher education of the student’s choice.

Students selected for these awards may not have the highest-grade point averages. However, their activities, essay, and letters of recommendation must show a history of leadership, resourcefulness, and hard work ethic.

Specifically, the student must:

1. Submit a completed application to the Plummer Chapter Scholarship Committee no later than May 30, 2026;
2. Submit a one-to-four-page, double-spaced original essay (written by the STUDENT) on the topic listed below;
3. Submit two letters of recommendation from a teacher, guidance counselor, minister, employer, or community leader; and
4. Submit a recent (within the past two years) personal photo.

SCHOLARSHIP EVALUATION CRITERIA

Each student will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. The student's overall grade point average must be at least a 2.0 based on a 4.0 scale;
2. The student's contributions to his or her school and community; (the highest scoring in this area will be given to activities that reflect the student's field of interest, leadership abilities, work ethic, and/or concern for the health and well-being of the community);
3. The strength of the student's essay on the following topic:
Achievements and characteristics of "Buffalo Soldiers" worthy of admiration; and how I can apply this information to obtain my future goals.
4. The completeness of the student's application;
5. The financial need of the student as evidenced by proof of government aid to the student or the student's family. A student may also meet these criteria if they live in a single-parent household; and
6. The strength of an interview; if an interview becomes necessary.

POINT ASSIGNMENT

Points will be assigned to the applicants in the following manner:

GRADE POINT AVERAGE:

4.0 or higher	30 points
3.0 to 3.9	28 points
2.0 to 2.9	26 points

SCHOOL, COMMUNITY, CHURCH, INTERN, AND EMPLOYMENT ACTIVITIES:

Five or More Activities	up to 20 points
Three or Four Activities	up to 15 points
One or Two Activities	up to 10 points

ORIGINAL ESSAY:

Essay	up to 25 points
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COMPLETENESS OF APPLICATION:

Letters of Recommendation	3 points
Proof of School Acceptance	3 points
Picture	2 points
Achievement of Deadline	2 points

FINANCIAL NEED:

Financial Need	up to 15 points
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BONUS POINTS:

Up to 5 additional points may be given to students in active military families, students showing outstanding service to the community, or students having great financial need. ?

OVERALL SCALE

The sum of all points will be determined for each applicant and each applicant will fall into one of the following categories. The Plummer Chapter Scholarship Committee will use these categories to determine the applicants best qualified for an award. If multiple applicants score at the highest level, an in-person or phone interview may be required for the Committee to make their final selections.

90 and over	Outstanding
70 to 89 Points	Excellent
50 to 69 Points	Satisfactory

NOTIFICATION, RECOGNITION, AND PAYMENT

Notification

Once each awardee is chosen by the Plummer Chapter Scholarship Committee, the awardee, the awardee's parents, and the awardee's high school designated officials will be notified by mail or e-mail.

Recognition

Awardees may be recognized at a Plummer Chapter meeting and a Plummer Chapter member may be available to present the scholarship to the awardee at an appropriate school function, if such a function is held. *A student's refusal to attend the Plummer Chapter Scholarship recognition meeting without a reason acceptable to the Plummer Chapter Scholarship Committee could result in withdrawal of the award.*

Payment

The scholarship payment will be made in the following manner:

1. *To the Institution* - The scholarship payment will be made directly to the accredited, degree-granting institution chosen by the recipient. The recipient must provide the Plummer Chapter Scholarship Committee with the school's applicable address, procedures, due dates, the student's ID number at the institution of higher education, and any other information necessary for payment to be made.

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2. ***To the Recipient*** - The payment may be made directly to the recipient with proof that the recipient's entire tuition and board for the *entire academic year* has already been paid in full by other means. ☐

PLUMMER CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

STUDENT/APPLICANT:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

E-MAIL: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

NAME OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN: *(Include address and phone number if different from above)* _____

PARENT'S E-MAIL: _____

HIGH SCHOOL:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ E-MAIL: _____

NAME OF GUIDANCE COUNSELOR: *(Include phone number, if different from above)*

GUIDANCE COUNSELOR'S E-MAIL: _____

INSTITUTION OF HIGH LEARNING SELECTED AND ATTENDING:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

ADMISSIONS OFFICER: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ E-MAIL: _____

BURSAR: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ E-MAIL: _____

STATEMENT OF RELATIONSHIP

Are you, the student applicant, related to any officer, trustee, or donor to the Chaplain (Captain) Henry Vinton Plummer Chapter of the Ninth and Tenth (Horse) Cavalry Association? If yes, please provide the name of that relative and the relationship you have to that officer, trustee, or donor.

No, I am *not* related to any officer or trustee of or donor to the Plummer Chapter.

Yes, I am related to an officer or trustee of or donor to the Plummer Chapter.

Name of the officer/trustee/donor: _____

Position in the Chapter of the officer/trustee/donor: _____

Relationship to you of the officer/trustee/donor: _____

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT AND SIGNATURES

I certify that the information in this scholarship application is true, to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant's Printed/Typed Name: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's Printed/Typed Name: _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Counselor's Printed/Typed Name: _____

Counselor's Signature: _____ Date: _____

PACKET CHECK LIST

- Application (that is included in this announcement)
- Verification of acceptance or enrollment at an accredited institution of higher learning
- Essay
- High school and other, if applicable, transcript(s)
- 2 letters of recommendation
- Proof of financial need, if applicable
- Personal photo

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION

This application and all required information must be mailed as a complete packet to the Plummer Chapter Scholarship Committee at the following address and is due no later than May 30, 2026.

Trooper Joyce M. Pitts, Scholarship Committee Chair

Chaplain (Captain) Henry Vinton Plummer Chapter

P.O. Box 1612*

Mitchellville, MD 20717-1612

*Please note that this may be a different Post Office Box than previous years.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION YOU MAY CONTACT JOYCE PITTS AT 301-256-5060 or joypit1@hotmail.com. ADDITIONAL COPIES OF THIS APPLICATION MAY BE PRINTED FROM THE PLUMMER CHAPTER WEBSITE AT: www.plummerchapterbuffalosoldierspgcmd.org.