

# *Bessemer Voters League*

March 1, 2018

Dear Applicant:

The Bessemer Voters League awards scholarships to deserving high school seniors with leadership qualities, impeccable character and definitive plans to enroll in a two-year college or a four-year university. The student(s) must have a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA and complete a scholarship application, as well as an interview with the scholarship committee. Applicants must reside in Western Jefferson County/ Bessemer Cut-off area. Applications are available from the high school counselor, or the Bessemer Voters League.

## **SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION**

Scholarships will be awarded based solely on academic excellence.

### **ELIGIBILITY:**

An applicant should:

1. Be high school senior residing in the Bessemer Cut-off of Jefferson County
2. Have at least a 2.5 grade point average on a four-point scale .
3. Show evidence of worthy character, promise and leadership qualities.

### **REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:**

The applicant must complete and submit all of the following:

1. An official copy of his/her high school transcript – including Fall 2017 semester grades.
2. A Essay on “**WHY A VOTELESS PEOPLE IS A HOPELESS PEOPLE**” (typed with 1” margins, Times New Roman(12) or Arial font (12), and not more than two pages).
3. Two (2) letters of recommendation – must be from a high school counselor, teacher and/or administrator, religious/civic leader, employer, or volunteer supervisor, who will vouch for the character of the applicant. **THE LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION CANNOT BE FROM A FAMILY MEMBER.**

### **DEADLINE:**

Application packet must be submitted via U.S. Mail and postmarked no later than Friday, April 20, 2018 or via email to [tbyrd3@bellsouth.net](mailto:tbyrd3@bellsouth.net) by 11:59 PM on Friday, April 20, 2018.

## **SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS:**

After the interview process recipients will be selected by the Scholarship Committee on or before **May 13, 2018**. Selection will be based on the applicant's written application, essay, academic excellence, and interview.

The Scholarship Committee will review applications. Eligible applicants are required to attend an interview. If you are selected, the distribution of the scholarship award will be contingent upon receiving proof of enrollment at a higher learning institution.

If you have questions, please call Trecia Byrd at (205)283-1505.

Yours Truly,

Bessemer Voters League Scholarship Committee

## **APPLICATION DEADLINE**

All completed applications should be received/postmarked no later than Friday, April 20, 2018 at 11:59 P.M.

<b>Student's Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)</b>		<b>Birth Date (mm/dd/yyyy)</b>	
<b>Permanent Address</b>			
<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>		<b>Zip Code</b>
<b>Home Telephone Number</b>		<b>Mobile Number</b>	
<b>E-Mail Address</b>			
<b>Name of Parents/Guardians</b>			
<b>Cumulative Grade Point Average</b>		<b>Class Rank</b>	
<b>Intended College / University</b>		<b>Intended Major</b>	

Please list all Notable Awards, Honors, Extracurricular Activities, etc:  
***(Attach additional Sheets if Necessary)***

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## **CHECKLIST**

**PLEASE MAKE SURE THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTATION IS INCLUDED IN THE APPLICATION PACKET:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Completed Application**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Official Transcript**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Two letters of Recommendation**

\_\_\_\_\_ **ESSAY-MINIMUM 250 WORDS, NOT MORE THAN 2 PAGES**

### **CERTIFICATION**

I affirm that all information provided herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. Misrepresentation or the submission of inaccurate or incomplete information will result in disqualification or forfeiture of any award.

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**Applicant Signature**

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**Date**

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**Parent/ Guardian Signature**

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**Date**

## RECOMMENDATION FORM

<b>Name of Applicant (Last, First, Middle Initial)</b>		
<b>Address</b>		
<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Zip Code</b>
<b>Home Telephone Number</b>	<b>Mobile Number</b>	

The above named student is applying for a scholarship from The Bessemer Voters League. Please provide a candid assessment of the applicant's academic performance, intellectual ability, maturity, oral and written communication skills, motivation and interpersonal skills. Please attach this form to your reference letter. Only the Scholarship Review Board will see your comments.

<b>Reference Name</b>	<b>Length of Acquaintance</b>	<b>Telephone Number</b>
<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Zip Code</b>
<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>	

Thank you for taking the time and effort to complete this reference. Your comments will be kept confidential and privy only to the Scholarship Committee during the selection process.

**Please return this recommendation form to the applicant in a sealed envelope, with your initials or the school's stamp across the sealed portion of the envelope; by email to [tbyrd3@bellsouth.net](mailto:tbyrd3@bellsouth.net), or via mail to the address shown below. It must be postmarked by April 20, 2018.**

**Bessemer Voters League  
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