Application for the Tom Joyner Foundation
2009 Full Ride Scholarship

The Full Ride Scholarship
The Tom Joyner Foundation Full Ride Scholarship is this organization’s most prestigious scholarship award to date. One scholarship will be awarded to a freshman entering a Historically Black College or University (HBCU) in the United States in the fall of 2009. The scholarship recognizes academic distinction as well as strong character and personal qualities.

The recipient of the Full Ride Scholarship will receive full tuition waivers and stipends to cover room and board (on campus only) and books. The scholarship recipient will have to maintain a required 3.0 GPA (on a 4.00 scale) and 15 credit hours per semester - the scholarship award will be renewed each semester up to ten (10) semesters.

Eligibility
1.) United States Citizen
2.) Current high school seniors attending school in the United States (applicant must be anticipating completion of high school in the Spring of 2009).
3.) Minimum high school grade point average of 3.50 (on a 4.00 grade scale, excluding home school studies) and Minimum SAT score of 1300 (math and verbal only) or ACT score of 28.
4.) Applicants must have applied and been accepted into an HBCU by July 1, 2009.
5.) Applicants must have demonstrated leadership abilities through participation in community service, extracurricular, or other activities.

Selection Criteria
Students will be selected as finalists based on their academic accomplishments, intellectual and creative distinctions, extracurricular activities, letters of reference, and original essays. Finalists will be invited for a required interview with members of the Full Scholarship Selection Committee. Interviews will occur on or around March 21, 2009.
Application Deadline
The application must be typed and may be accessed at www.blackamericaweb.com. The application, together with ALL related documentation must be postmarked no later than January 17, 2009. Please place your name on all materials. Do not staple items together. Send the original and one copy of everything to:

The Tom Joyner Foundation, Inc.; Attn: Full Ride Scholarship Committee; PO Box 630495; Irving, Texas 75063. Address questions to the TJF Full Ride Program.
Phone: 972-789-1058 or Fax: 972-789-1428.

Forms to Submit
I.) Two copies of the applicant’s official high school transcript. At least one copy must be certified by the registrar or other recognized official. If SAT or ACT scores are not included, the candidate must arrange to have such results forwarded by a responsible official to The Tom Joyner Foundation Full Ride Scholarship Committee postmarked no later than January 17, 2009.

II.) Two copies of a list of your senior year high school courses for 2008-2009.

III.) Two letters of recommendation (500 words or less); one from a high school teacher and the other from a teacher, counselor, administrator, or person who can objectively assess your abilities and character. (Please no family members). Do not submit more than two letters. Please ask your references to address the following:

• Reference’s position or title
• Indicate how long and in what capacity you have known the applicant? Describe the applicant’s motivation and potential for academic success. Please be specific.
• Describe the applicant’s distinctive qualities or unique characteristics that you have personally observed that make the applicant particularly qualified to receive a Full Ride Scholarship.
IV.) Essay (Type as separate copy and attach to application)
  • Please address in 500 words or less the most impressionable moment in your life and why. How did this experience influence your goals?

V.) Completed application.

I wish to be considered for a Full Ride Scholarship. **I have applied to a HBCU** and have read and agree to all conditions stipulated for Full Ride Scholarship candidates. I include in this application items, I, II, III, IV, and V. Confidential letters of reference written on my behalf will be sealed in individual enveloped and signed along the seal.

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Signature (Required)            Mailing Address

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Date       City, State, Zip Code

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Irving, TX  75063

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STUDENT PROFILE

Last Name ___________________ First ___________________ Middle Int. _____

Address______________________________________________________

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Email
Address______________________________________________________

_____Male _____Female Home Phone: ____________
Cell Phone: ________________

Social Security Number: __________________________
Date of Birth: ____________

Parents’
Name________________________________________________________

Address______________________________________________________

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Home Phone: ____________________________
Cell Phone: ____________________________

High School(s) Attended:

______________________________________________________________

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Cumulative GPA _______ SAT Comp. Score_______
ACT Comp. Score_______
Date Taken_______ H.S. Rank ________

Intended Field of Study

______________________________________________________________
Educational History

__ I will have graduated from high school by June 2009, and will be a first time freshman in the Fall of 2009. If yes, please provide the following information:

Current High School:

_____________________________________________________

Begin Date:  _______________
Cumulative GPA (4.00 Scale) __________________

__ I have earned the GED Diploma. If yes, please provide the following information;

Date Tested: _______ Score: _______

High School Honors, Awards and Activities
Please list all your important high school activities, dates of participation, awards, and offices held (include student government, sports, school publications, arts, debate and exchange programs, etc.).

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Please list all public service and community service activities that you have voluntarily participated in, without pay, (include projects with community organizations, environmental protection and conservation efforts, work with religious organizations, candy striping, Scouts etc.).

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**Paid Employment**
Are you currently employed part-time or fulltime?  ____Y  _____N

If yes, please list positions, dates of employment and brief job description.

Company: _________________________________
Position: _________________________________

Dates of Employment: __________________________
Total Number of Hours: _______

Brief Job Description:

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