

# BILL PICKETT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND



## Scholarship Program 2007-2008

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Dear Applicant:

The Bill Pickett Memorial Scholarship Fund is committed to the growth and development of African America's youth. In addition to engaging in mentoring, education, (health & wellness and economic development programs), we feel it is important to aid in developing talented young African Americans in pursuit of higher education. Through gifts provided by our corporate sponsors, the Bill Pickett Memorial Scholarship Fund is able to provide scholarships to hundreds of deserving African American high school and college students.

The Bill Pickett Memorial Scholarship Fund Scholarship Program is available to high school students who maintain full time status as with a post secondary institution beginning in the fall of the year. Applicants must meet all of the eligibility requirements and deadlines to qualify. Scholarship awards should be applied toward tuition, entry fees, room & board and, books and range from \$500 to \$2,000. **Checks will be mailed from the rodeo office and made payable to the institution.** Individuals applying for a scholarship must forward one complete application packet to the address below. Current scholarship recipients must re-apply each year. **Application packets must be postmarked no later than February 28, 2006.** Facsimiles and incomplete packets will not be accepted. Award letters will be forwarded to recipients only by May 30, 2006. Mail complete application packets to:

**Bill Pickett Memorial Scholarship Fund.  
P.O. Box 39163  
Denver, CO 80239**

### **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

- Undergraduate student or high school student transitioning to college
- Minimum grade point average of 2.5
- Attending a post secondary, accredited institution or planning to attend
- Plans to attend school for entire academic year, beginning in the fall
- Completed 50 hours of "active" community service within past 12-months with certified documentation
- Leadership involvement
- Rodeoing with the Bill Pickett Invitational Rodeo, IPRA or PRCA

### **APPLICATION PACKET CONTENT**

#### **Scholarship Application**

The Bill Pickett Memorial Scholarship Fund Application is available after January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year and may be acquired from the National office or our web site [www.billpickettrodeo.com](http://www.billpickettrodeo.com). It is encouraged and preferred that the applications be typed.

#### **Essay**

Applicants are required to submit a 500 words minimum essay using one of the following topics. It is also encouraged and preferred that the essays be typed. (Please attached essay and double space)

- The History of Black Rodeo?
- Why I deserve a scholarship?
- Why should there be a Black Rodeo?

#### **Official Academic Transcript**

Applicants must request an official academic transcript from their most recent school or college. Transcripts must be included in the packets.

#### **Applicant Can Apply For:**

- Robert Dugas Rodeo Scholarship - Rodeo Entry Free for One (1) Year
- Jesse Guillory Book Scholarship - For the purchase of current books needed (\$500.00 maximum)
- Bill Pickett Tuition Scholarship - Toward tuition (already a student - \$1,000 maximum)



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### Confirmation of Community Service Form

Applicants are required to have performed a minimum of 50 “active” service hours within the 12-month preceding the application deadline. Students who are awarded a Bill Pickett Memorial Scholarship Fund are required to complete an additional 50 hours of “active” community service within 8-months after the scholarship is awarded. Scholarship applicants and recipients should complete and submit the *Confirmation of Community Service Form* as certification of service performed. Confirmation forms should be completed for each project. Applicants and recipients may make copies of the form as needed.

“Active” service shall be defined as “*An activity that allows one to extend themselves in service to another without compensation, remuneration, personal gain or benefit.*” See below for a sampling of acceptable projects:

- Ex. 1 ACTIVE SERVICE - Acceptable Service Projects (serving food to the homeless through soup kitchen or shelter, tutoring students, picking up litter and recycling, coordinating a community food/shelter drive).
- Ex. 2 PASSIVE SERVICE - Unacceptable Service Project (donating food/clothing in a clothing drive, babysitting, singing in a choir, serving as an officer in an official position of a church or civic organization).

**Please note that this is not a complete list of acceptable service projects. If you have questions regarding acceptable projects, please contact the Scholarship office at (303)-373-1246.**

### **AWARD REQUIREMENTS**

Once notified of their selection, scholarship recipients must complete and forward the following items to the Rodeo Office by the specified due dates.

- Scholarship Acceptance Agreement (Due: On or Before September 15, 2005)
- Personal Information Form (Due: On or Before September 15, 2005)
- Copy of your fall registration sheet and bill (Due: On or before September 15, 2005)
- Community Service Verification Form (Due: On or before January 31, 2006)



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### SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

#### **Student Profile:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Academic Profile:**

High School Information (*High School students transitioning to college only*)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Point Average \_\_\_\_\_

Collegiate Information

(*High School students should provide information on the university they have been accepted to or plan to attend*)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Point Average \_\_\_\_\_ Major Field of Study \_\_\_\_\_

**Please list and describe your leadership involvement over the past 4 years.**

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**Additional References:** Please provide one (1) non-related, character reference letter.

**Career Goals:** Briefly state your career goals in twenty-five words or less.

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**Essay (minimum 500 words)**      **“The History of Black Rodeo”, “Why I Deserve a Scholarship”, or “Why should there be a Black Rodeo:**  
(Please attached essay and double space)

Are you involved in any rodeo/equine program initiatives (i.e. rodeos, rodeo team, animal science programs)?

YES    NO      If yes, List the rodeo(s), rodeo team program(s) and your mentor/facilitator’s name and contact information:

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Were you a previous scholarship recipient?    YES    NO      If YES, what year? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Internal Use Only:** Award Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_      Reviewed By: \_\_\_\_\_

Deficiencies:    Application    GPA    Essay    Transcript    Community Service

Additional Items

