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To: Director of Counseling Services  
From: David W. Williams, Chair of the Scholarship Committee  
Subject: The Howard L. Edmonds Academic Scholarship

Beta Sigma Boule is pleased to announcement the call for applications for The Howard L. Edmonds Academic Scholarship of \$4000.00 (\$ 1000.00 per academic year for four years) to a graduating African American male with a 3.00 GPA or higher. Please share this information with males at your school, church or program that you feel meet the scholarship qualifications. If additional copies of these materials are needed please feel free to duplicate.

Should you have questions, please get in touch with me at [Dr.Williams158@comcast.net](mailto:Dr.Williams158@comcast.net) or at 413-549-6398. Applications are due February 15, 2018. **Please not the short turn around time for applications.** The application can be mailed to the address above or submitted electronically to the e mail address above. Beta Sigma Boule thanks you for your assistance and support?

Attachments



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## The Howard L. Edmonds Scholarship Application Guidelines

Beta Boule of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, Springfield, MA will award an educational scholarship of \$4000.00 (\$1,000.00 per year for four years) to a graduating high school senior who has been accepted unconditionally to an accredited bachelor degree granting institution of higher learning. The criteria used to assess a candidate's qualifications for the scholarship will be the same criteria used each year to assess scholarship renewal.

To qualify the student must be an African American male with a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better; must be a graduating senior from a high school located in Hampden or Hampshire County, Massachusetts. To be considered for the scholarship a candidate must submit the completed application, a 300 to 500 word essay, an official high school transcript, including curriculum and grades from 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grades, a copy of the SAT/ACT scores report and three letters of recommendation.

### **Successful candidates should demonstrate other outstanding qualities such as:**

- Leadership: measured by election as an officer for an extra-curricular organization or club, or
- Arts and Cultural engagement: awareness of and participation in the arts and cultural activities of his school or in the community, or
- Civic engagement: participation in community service, or
- Athletics: participation in intermural or other competitive sports and
- A successful interview with Beta Sigma Boule scholarship committee

The application with all required information must be received by February 15, 2018 Applications received after the closing date will not be considered. All applicants will be contacted by the scholarship committee and informed of the status of their application.

Should applicants have questions, call Dr. David W. Williams at 413 549 6398 or email [Dr.Williams158@comcast.net](mailto:Dr.Williams158@comcast.net). Applications may be submitted by email to the address above or mailed to the address listed below.

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## ***BETA SIGMA BOULE***

### **SIGMA PI PHI FRATERNITY, Inc.**

#### **Springfield, Massachusetts**

Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity is also known as the *Boule*, a Greek term meaning “council of noblemen”. Founded in 1904, it is the oldest African American Greek-letter organization for professional men. The *Boule*’s primary goals are:

- To address public policy issues that are related to the social, economic, and educational advancement of the African American community
- To develop and support social action programs that benefit African American families and communities

Beta Sigma *Boule*’s theme, “Cultivating and Celebrating Excellence” reflects the *Boule*’s high regard for achievement. The theme also captures today’s continued focus on the need to inspire our youth, especially African American males, to raise their academic expectations and to strive for excellence in the classroom and beyond. Many of the *Boule*’s key programs focus on improving the quality of life and outcomes for African American youth.

The *Boule* has more than 5,000 members and 125 *Boule* (chapters) throughout the United States and the Caribbean. The local chapter, based in Springfield, Massachusetts was founded in 1983, with 11 charter members. The membership now includes 25 leaders from Western Massachusetts in education, healthcare, law, medicine, law enforcement and social services sectors. Our primary focus is improving the opportunities and the well-being of young African American males.

Two of the signature programs for the *Beta Sigma Boule* include the

#### **W.E.B. Du Bois Public Policy Series**

A public forum and professional networking opportunity, held annually at the Community School of Music of Springfield. Nationally known experts share their perspectives on issues such as education, health, criminal justice and politics to provide information that may help community leaders develop locally-relevant, action plans. This program is named in honor of W. E. B. Du Bois a noble member of Sigma Pi Phi *Boule*, whose life and legacy as a social activist reflects his relentless commitment to civil rights and racial equality.

#### ***Boule Scholars Program***

##### **Howard L. Edmonds Academic Scholarship**

Education is *Beta Sigma Boule*’s top social action priority. Nationally the *Boule* Scholars Program aims to raise educational expectations and performance of African American students by cultivating and celebrating their academic excellence from elementary to college and graduate and professional school levels. Each year, Beta Sigma *Boule* awards a four-year academic scholarship to a local high school senior and commits to an ongoing mentoring relationship with the recipient throughout his college years. The scholarship is named in honor of the late Howard L. Edmonds (1914-2010), who was a prominent educator in the Springfield public school system and a charter member of *Beta Sigma Boule*.

# The Howard L. Edmonds Scholarship Application Form

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

Student's Name			
Address			
	City	State	Zip
Home Phone		Cell Phone	
Email Address			
Date of Birth		Soc. Sec. #	
Parent/Guardian		Relationship	
Address (if different)			
	City	State	Zip
# in Household		# Siblings in College	

## SCHOOL INFORMATION

School Name			
School Address			
	City	State	Zip
Guidance Counselor			
Phone			

## MEMBERSHIP IN CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

	Name of Activity	Office/Position	Yrs.
Extra Curricular			
Community Service			
Awards			

**COLLEGE & CAREER PLANS**

List of colleges or universities to which you applied	Accepted	Wait List	Not Accepted

Which is your preferred choice?

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What do you visualize as your academic major/degree in college and why?

What do you visualize as your career and what influenced your choice?

**ESSAY QUESTION**

Write a 300-500 word essay on the topic of African American leadership or achievement in your neighborhood, city or town, or Massachusetts. (Should you decide to use a separate sheet of paper, double spaced, and one inch margins. Be sure to type of full name at the top of the page.)

I verify that all the information stated or listed above is accurate and honest to the best of my knowledge.

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Signature

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Date

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