

## ***Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. Scholarship Fund***

### **GENERAL INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS**

**Background Information:** Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. is a unique organization dedicated to the preservation of the history of African American Veterans whose service during World War II demonstrated to America that the criteria for responsible citizenship are character and achievement rather than ethnic origin. Although incorporated in Washington, D.C., the organization consists of many chapters, a National Museum at Fort Wayne, near Detroit, MI and the "Tuskegee Airmen Scholarship Fund", located in Los Angeles, CA.

Each year the "Tuskegee Airmen Scholarship Fund" grants scholarship awards to deserving young men and women. The number of available scholarship awards, for individual years, is directly related to income received from investments. Forty-one (41) awards of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1500.00) will be available in 2005. The \$1500.00 awards are for one year only. One (1) twenty thousand dollar (\$20,000.00) Golden Eagle Award will be given to a scholar who can demonstrate a sincere aptitude for and pursuit of a career in aviation, aerospace technology and research. This is a four year Award and will be paid in increments of \$5,000 per year. The student must maintain a two point (2.0) grade point average (GPA) and continue in an aerospace or aviation career path.

**Eligibility Requirements:** Applicants must be students of accredited high schools who have graduated or will graduate in the year 2005. Additionally, applying students must have GPA of at least three points (3.0) on a four-point scale.

**Application Procedure:** Application forms and instructions may be obtained from high school guidance counselors, from the Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. web site ([www.tuskegeeairmen.org](http://www.tuskegeeairmen.org)) or from a Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. Chapter. Completed applications must be returned to the specific address indicated (on page 1 of this application) on or before February 12, 2005.

- Each applicant must submit a two (2) page essay containing: a brief biographical sketch, educational aspirations, career goals and an explanation of why financial aid is essential.
- Additionally, the applicant must include a single page essay entitled "The Tuskegee Airmen" which reflects an overview of their history. Essays must be typed, double-spaced with 1-inch margins on 8.5" x 11" paper. Please note, all attachments to application **must not** exceed 8.5" x 11" in size.
- To validate the financial status of the applicant, a copy of parent(s)' 2004 IRS Form 1040 (through adjusted gross income line) must be included in application package. If not required to file Form 1040, provide **official** alternate source document to verify income, such as statement from Public Social Services, Pensions or SSI.

**Selection Procedure:** Applications for scholarship assistance received by individual chapters of Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. are screened, verified as deemed appropriate, and competitively evaluated. Application files determined worthy of

further consideration are forwarded to the Tuskegee Airmen Scholarship Selection Committee for National Competition. Notification will be given to all other applicants. A scholarship selection committee, composed of several members from each Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. Region, evaluates individual applications. Using a scale of one hundred (100) points, the committee considers academic achievement, extra curricular and community activities, relative financial need, recommendations, and both essays to competitively rank applicants.

**Notification Procedure:** Finalists (selectees and non-selectees) will receive individual notices of final results from the Tuskegee Airmen Scholarship Fund Board of Governors.

**Award Payment Certification:** Scholarship awardees may enroll in the institution of their choice. After matriculation, registrars of schools attended must send verification of enrollment and curriculum to the Tuskegee Airmen Scholarship Fund. When the required verifications have been received, individual award payments (made payable to both student and institution) will be mailed by Wells Fargo Bank, Los Angeles.

**Award Payment Limitation:** All scholarship awards must be paid within one year from date of selection notification.

For additional information, please review the application form.