



## Ambassador Application

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:**

**August 15, 2021**

## Pathway 2 Manhood (P2M)

*A Program Sponsored by 100 Black Men of Southern Illinois, Inc.*

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Thank you for your interest in the Pathway 2 Manhood Program (P2M)!

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***Program Description:***

100 Black Men of America (BMA) is a men's civic organization and service club whose stated goal is to educate and empower African-American children and teens. The organization has over 120 chapters and more than 10,000 members in different cities in the United States and throughout the world.

In 1986, the 100 Black Men of Southern Illinois, Inc. was incorporated under the laws of the state of Illinois and in 1988 became a tax exempt non-profit 501 (C) (3) organization under the Internal Revenue Code. was incorporated under the laws of the state of Illinois and in 1988 became a tax exempt non-profit 501 (C) (3) organization under the Internal Revenue Code.

Pathway 2 Manhood Mission: To teach youth how to make better choices, provide guidance on setting and achieving goals, and demonstrate how to diffuse situations before they escalate to tragic consequences.

**Methodology:**

The problem posing method of reaching, teaching, and guiding at-risk youth involves a constant unveiling of realities and strives for the emergence of consciousness and critical intervention in reality. Participants as they are increasingly posed with problems relating to themselves in their world and with the world, will feel increasingly challenged and obligated to respond to the challenge of addressing the following specific goals:

**Specific Goals:**

- A. Reduction of youth violence by utilizing the skills of youth surrounded by violence.
- B. Develop entrepreneurship and create avenues for employment through the implementation of a self-sustaining curriculum
- C. Educate our students on preparing for world issues by maintaining a level of academic responsibility

***What to Expect as a Participant***

The P2M focuses on a combination of grassroots leadership development skills and cross-cultural opportunities for sharing and learning. Participants are selected from a broad variety of backgrounds with a strong background in leading and participating in community based activities, and others who show a strong potential to become leaders in the future. One important thing to remember as you apply is that the type of leadership development will focus on small-scale local impact, so when we say leadership, we mean learning how to become a change-maker in your own community, starting with a small impact building up to a larger scale.

**Youth and Adult Participants of the program should:**

- Have a strong desire to learn from others
- Show the ability and willingness to share best practices and lessons learned from their own experiences
- Be open to experiencing new cultures and ways of thinking
- Have a desire to share their own values with youth and adults from different cultures, religions and varied backgrounds without prejudice
- Work with diverse groups throughout all aspects of the program
- Be flexible in working with other ambassadors and coordinators during scheduling, travel, etc.

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**What to expect during the program:**

- Workshops focused on grassroots leadership, specific topics include:  
Initiating the College Experience, Community Action Plan Development, Recruiting New Ambassadors, Developing a Fundraising Campaign, Using Social Media, Teamwork
- Meetings with community service organizations to learn about their mission, challenges, and specific programs. The goal of these meetings is to provide inspiration for your own community programs as well as to learn and share best practices faced by organizations
- Cultural activities utilizing the local surroundings such as sporting events, visits to local attractions, museums, etc.
- Opportunities to discuss how you are involved in your community and the issues that you wish to address.
- Free time to interact with other ambassadors
- Trying new things outside of your comfort zone!

***Who is eligible to apply?***

Student applicants must:

- Be at least 14 years old and not more than 18 years old at the time of graduation
- Be on track for high school graduation year
- Have permission from either a parent or legal guardian to participate in the program
- Submit a complete application, including photograph and letters of recommendation.

*Note:* Participants must be proficient in English, but knowledge of a foreign language is helpful.

***What are the criteria for selection?***

Students will be evaluated on the following characteristics:

- Proven track record of participating in community activities
- Demonstrated leadership skills and an interest in community service
- Demonstrated ability to relate to people of other cultures and backgrounds
- Expressed interest and commitment in developing and sustaining their own community project
- Leadership potential
- Good social and communication skills
- Outstanding academic performance
- Ethnic diversity that meets the requirements of developing community based initiatives
- An energetic, positive attitude.

***What is covered?***

There is no application fee for applicants.

Participants are responsible for expenses related to the application process (copying, mailing, photographs, etc.)



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**SCHOOL INFORMATION**

School you currently attend \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Expected graduation date \_\_\_\_\_ GPA \_\_\_\_\_

School address \_\_\_\_\_

Principal's name \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever lived, traveled, or studied outside of the United States? Yes / No

If yes, please provide a brief description including dates and location.

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**LANGUAGES**

Do you speak another language besides English? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes / No \_\_\_\_\_

How would you describe your foreign language skills? (1=poor; 5=excellent)

Speaking: 1 2 3 4 5  
Reading: 1 2 3 4 5  
Writing: 1 2 3 4 5

ALL APPLICANTS: List other languages you have studied.

Language	Years studied	Speaking (1-5)	Reading (1-5)	Writing (1-5)

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**ACTIVITIES**

Please list all extracurricular activities you currently take part in (school clubs, sports teams, youth organizations, community service activities, leisure time activities).

Activity	Number of years participated in	Number of hours per week

**PART II: SHORT AND LONG ESSAYS**

*What do you think makes a good leader? Describe with one or two examples how you are a leader in your school, community, or home and what you are looking to gain by participating in the P2M program. (250 word maximum)*

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**PART II: SHORT AND LONG ESSAYS (CONT.)**

**Please respond to the three questions or prompts below. There is a 250 word maximum limit (approximately two single-spaced paragraphs per essay.) (Use the back of the page if necessary.)**

*1. Describe a particular need in your community. How do you propose to solve this problem and what resources would you use?*

*2. Describe a significant experience where you demonstrated your ability to adapt to a new environment or an unfamiliar situation.*

*3. Personal Statement: Tell us how your past experiences have led to a desire to advance your educational career. What do you expect to get out of this program in terms of personal growth and future academic or professional opportunities?*





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**PART IV: LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**

Please give the two attached letter of recommendation forms to a teacher, principal, coach, or other adult who is not related to you. The adult should know you well enough to talk about your leadership abilities, character, and ability to handle situations under pressure. Your adult reference should sign and scan the letters and email them directly to **100bma.org**. If your adult reference does not have access to a scanner, he or she should sign across the seal of the envelope and send them via postal mail directly to 100 Black Men of Southern Illinois, Inc. at:

**100 Black Men of Southern Illinois, Inc.  
ATTN: Dr. Dorothy Mosby  
1624 Main St. – P.O. Box 1497  
Alton, IL 62002**

**CHECKLIST To complete this application, please make sure you have included:**

- Student Background Information \_\_\_\_\_
- Long Essays \_\_\_\_\_
- Parent/Guardian Information \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Letters of Recommendation \_\_\_\_\_
- Photograph \_\_\_\_\_
- Parent/Guardian and Student Signatures \_\_\_\_\_

*Please make sure that your name is written on ALL pages of your application.*

Thank you for taking the time to complete this application. Good luck!