



APPLICATION DEADLINE:

August 15, 2021

Pathway to Womanhood (P2W)

A Program Sponsored by 100 Black Men of Southern Illinois

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Thank you for your interest in the Pathway to Womanhood Program (P2W)!

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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.

Pathway to Womanhood 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 P2W 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 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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**APPLICATION FORM
P2W STUDENT APPLICATION**

Applications should be hand delivered to Dr. Dorothy Mosby during regular school hours in the folder provided or e-mailed to 100 Black Men of Southern Illinois, Inc. at: 100bma.org

**If you are not able to scan and e-mail your application, you may also send it via postal mail to the following address:

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

APPLICATION DEADLINE: The final deadline is August 15, 2021

To complete your application please submit the following information:

- I. Student Background Information
- II. Essays
- III. Parent/Guardian Information and Permission
- IV. 2 letters of recommendation from teachers or an adult who is not related to you (signed and scanned to be sent by email)

Please answer all questions in English. Make sure that your name is written on ALL pages of your application.

PART I: STUDENT BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Name _____
(as it appears on your birth certificate) last first middle

Permanent address _____

Permanent telephone _____

E-mail _____

Date of birth _____ Age _____ male ___ female
month/day/year

Place of birth _____ Cell phone #: _____
city and state

Church you currently attend _____

Where did you first hear about the P2W program? (Please be as specific as possible.)

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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.

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 P2W 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 III: INFORMATION ON PARENTS OR GUARDIANS

PARENT/GUARDIAN 1

Name _____
 last first middle relation to you

Address _____

Telephone/E-mail _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN 2

Name _____
 last first middle relation to you

Address _____

Telephone/E-mail _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN APPROVAL (SIGNED AND SCANNED FOR SENDING BY EMAIL)

My son or daughter has my permission to apply for the P2W program, conducted by 100 Black Men of Southern Illinois, Inc., and to participate in the full program if accepted.

Parent/Guardian Signature Date

APPLICANT APPROVAL (SIGNED AND SCANNED FOR SENDING BY EMAIL)

I agree that all of the information in this application is true and I agree that if chosen to participate, I will participate in ALL program activities conducted by P2W.

Applicant Signature Date

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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:

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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!