

# DBMG HISTORY

The Diablo Black Men's Group (DBMG) began in the mid-1990s as an outlet for Diablo Valley men. By 1999, the group evolved into an organization of men who wanted to use our collective influence to enhance the lives of our members and families, as well as make a contribution to the community in which we live. Our members are encouraged to appreciate liberty and all that it encompasses, including embracing community involvement.

**MISSION STATEMENT: To promote fellowship among Black men, to help African Americans and other minorities in the Diablo Valley actualize full citizenship, including liberty, good health, social equality and economic vitality.**

The DBMG is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that is committed to supporting activities with the goal of improving the health and welfare of our citizenry. Currently, the DBMG is actively involved in promoting prostate cancer awareness and screening in collaboration with the Alta Bates Summit Ethnic Health Institute and American Cancer Society with support from the Chevron-Texaco Corporation. Additionally, the DBMG is involved in helping the socially and economically challenged youths in the Bay Area to pursue cultural and educational opportunities.

DBMG Scholarship Fund Goal: Assist College bound black male students to realize their full potential in pursuit of academic excellence and leadership development by providing financial and moral support. The DBMG will strive to provide at least five (4) scholarships of up to \$2,500 annually.

## SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- All Applicants must be high school seniors who will graduate at the end of the academic calendar year, and have never attended a higher learning institute (i.e., college or university), or individuals who have already graduated from high school or received a GED, but have never attended a higher learning institute.
- Must be a resident of Central Costa Contra or East Bay County communities, or referred by a member of the DBMG
- Demonstrate community volunteerism within your school or community
- Have (or graduated with) a minimum grade point average of 2.5 overall.

## APPLICATION PACKAGE

Applicants must submit the following:

- A **completed** DBMG Scholarship Application. Please type or print your responses, including "N/A" for items that are not applicable to you. The application must be completed in its entirety, submitted with the items listed below, and postmarked by April 1, 2015.
- Three personal letters of recommendation:
  - **Current High School Seniors:** (a) counselor; (b) teacher; (c) community representative
  - **High School Graduates:** (a) community representative; (b) employer; (c) other (as approved as such by Committee Members)
- List of colleges and/or universities where you are applying
- Most recent **official** academic transcript from school. You must request that your registrar send your transcript directly to the address provided. The DBMG will not accept student copies or other unofficial transcripts. Most schools assess a nominal service charge to send official transcripts
- Essay question: One of the principal goals of education is fostering ways for people to respect and get along with individuals who think, dress, look and act differently. **How might you make this goal a reality?** Your essay should be 500 words or less, typed with black ink on white paper. Doubled-spaced essays are preferred. Your essay must be submitted with your application.
- A personal biographical essay of 250 words or less. Your biography should discuss your college and/or career objectives, leadership abilities and your involvement in the black community. The essay must be included with this application.

## NOTES OF INTEREST:

- All DBMG scholarship disbursements will require a copy of your acceptance letter from your college or university.
- Scholarship disbursements will be made directly to the college or university that you will be attending.
- All scholarships must be paid out within two years from the date that it is awarded, and will not exceed \$2,500.
- Scholarship is non-renewable.

**Deadlines: Application packet, including all required materials, must be received at the above address by April 1, 2015. Notification will be made by May 15, 2015. If you have any questions please e-mail the Scholarship Chair at [dbmg4ca@gmail.com](mailto:dbmg4ca@gmail.com).**