Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated

September 12, 2024

Dear Cary Dimmick – Mt Vernon High School

Please encourage your African American male students entering their junior year of high school (2024-2025) and living in Arlington or Fairfax Counties or Alexandria City to apply for the Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity's award-winning Beta Nu Boulé Young Scholars Program (YSP). The application deadline is October 4, 2024. Notifications of acceptance will occur no later than October 15, 2024. Please see the attached application.

The Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, founded in Philadelphia, PA in 1904, is the country's oldest African American fraternity of college educated men. Beta Nu is the fraternity's local Boulé that works in partnership with the Beta Nu Boulé Education Foundation, Inc., a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization to sponsor the Beta Nu Boulé Young Scholars Program (YSP). The Program is dedicated to mentoring and preparing young African American males for college. It is designed to help them prepare for college and professional opportunities after high school. Following are a few particulars about the Program:

- The minimum GPA to be considered for acceptance is 3.00.
- Seminar sessions are held each second Saturday, 9a.m.-12p.m., currently via Zoom, November 2023-May 2024.
- An SAT/ACT pre-test session is offered by the program along with techniques on applying to colleges and universities. Scholars are exposed to broad array of professional careers through seminars conducted by law school adjunct professors, physicians, dentists, retired senior military officers, business executives, attorneys, judges, and senior federal government managers.
- Students who successfully complete both the junior and senior years of the Program will be eligible to apply for a college scholarship of $20,000.

We hope to add six juniors (Cohort 11) to join with 6 African American male seniors (Cohort 10) in the YSP in 2024-25. Overall, 38 young men have graduated from the program and went on to college. Thousands of dollars in college scholarship funds have been awarded to these students since the inception of the program in 2014. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either Program Co-chair: Lawrence Clark at Lawrence.Clark64@verizon.net (703.232.5509 or Mark Evans at Handme@aol.com (703.963.3577).

Very Truly Yours,

Lawrence Clark

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YSP Program Application*

BETA NU BOULE YOUNG SCHOLARS PROGRAM APPLICATION (Deadline October 4, 2024).

Student's Name		High School	
Address		High School GPA	
Phone Number		Email Address	
Career Goal			

*Items Required with Your Application:

☐ **High School Principal Endorsement**
- *A concise note acknowledging that the student is enrolled at the high school and should be considered for the Beta Nu Boulé Young Scholars Program.*

☐ **Letter of Recommendation (non-family member)**
- *The letter should be from a person that knows the student well and is not a member of his family.*

☐ **One (1) Page Essay**
- *The topic of the essay should be on an obstacle or challenge that the student overcame.*

☐ **Copy of High School Transcript**
- *The high school transcript must be issued from the school and contain the grades for the student's freshman and sophomore years.*

☐ **Headshot Photo (JPEG, TIFF, PNG, etc.)**
- *A recent head and shoulders shot with neutral background.*

How did you hear about the Beta Nu Boulé Young Scholars Program?

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YSP Agreement

By submitting this application, I agree, if selected, to attend all scheduled sessions of the Beta Nu Boulé Young Scholars Program (Program). Additionally, I agree to complete all required work and actively participate in the Program. Finally, I certify that I will be beginning my junior year of high school this academic year.

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Date Signature of Applicant (Student)

By signing below, I agree to ensure that my son, if selected, attends all scheduled Program sessions. Also, my son must have a minimum 3.00 GPA to be considered for a scholarship. Additionally, I agree to provide my son with support so that he can attend each of the scheduled Program sessions.

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Date Signature of Parent/Guardian

Email _____

Phone No _____

***Note:** Email all application material to: lawrence.clark64@verizon.net
Students must submit their applications with all accompanying items to be considered for the Program.