



# 2021 GRIOT DRUM SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

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Tampa Bay Association of Black Journalists (TBABJ), a 501(c)(3) organization advocating for diversity in media, is now accepting submissions for its annual Griot Drum scholarship contest.

The program awards scholarships to students of color interested in or currently pursuing a college degree in journalism or a communications-related discipline.

APPLICATIONS DUE  
THURSDAY, OCT. 28, 2021

*For assistance about the scholarship program, please contact TBABJ today via email at [tampabayabj@gmail.com](mailto:tampabayabj@gmail.com).*

## Applicant qualifications:

- Identify as a person of color
- Currently enrolled in college as an undergraduate or graduate student, or a high school senior expected to graduate 2022
- Connected to Tampa Bay, i.e. attend school or once resided in Citrus, Hernando, Pasco, Polk, Hillsborough, Pinellas, Manatee, or Sarasota counties
- U.S. citizen or permanent resident

## Entry criteria:

- Essay or video detailing journalistic aspirations and/or a piece of journalism you've produced (300 words or up to a 90-second video)
- High school or college transcripts
- Character letter of recommendation
- Optional: Work samples (published, broadcasted, or school assignments)

*Originally founded as the Suncoast Black Communicators, the group became the Tampa Bay area's affiliate of the National Association of Black Journalists in 1990. Now, the Tampa Bay Association of Black Journalists (TBABJ) represents journalists of color in the counties of Pinellas, Hillsborough, Citrus, Hernando, Pasco, Polk, Manatee and Sarasota along the west coast of Florida. The chapter's purpose is to bring together people of African descent who work in media or media-related jobs in the Tampa Bay area. To learn more, visit [www.tbabj.com](http://www.tbabj.com).*