



# Future Black Men of America, Inc.

"Striving to help young black Boys become responsible Black Men."

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"Future Black Men of America, Inc. Launches its **2007 FBMA Laptop Scholarship** for NC African American Male Seniors"

On April 13, 2007, **Future Black Men of America, Inc. (FBMA)** launches its 3<sup>rd</sup> scholarship program to the African American male high school seniors in North Carolina. Over the last two years the organization has awarded 23 laptops to young African American Male students. All 23 of those students attended college in the fall of 2005 and 2006. This year the group will be awarding laptop scholarships to college bound African American male graduates of 2007. The organization wants to provide the laptops to young men that have worked hard in high school and those that are striving for a positive educational experience.

Executive Director Antoine L. Medley founded Future Black Men of America, Inc. in 2002. "Our group was founded to help bridge the educational and social gaps that exist between mainstream society and young African American men," explains Antoine Medley. "Our young African American men have the same goals as all other groups and we are doing our part to help them achieve those goals," he adds. To maximize its purpose, the organization has already formed various partnerships with many local organizations such as **PATT {Preparing America's Tomorrow Today}, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Wake and Johnston County, the Wade Edwards Foundation, and the Lindsay Legacy Fund**. The organization also has goals of expanding their membership in the Raleigh-Durham area, and goals of partnering more with Wake County Schools and other surrounding organizations. The group received their tax-exempt status from the IRS in 2004 and it currently provides group mentoring to 20-25 young African American boys from the Raleigh metro area. In February of 2007, FBMA was awarded their first grant. The grant was awarded to them from a local giving circle. Next Generation of African American Philanthropists (NGAAP) provided them with funds to build the capacity of the organization.

For more detailed information on the scholarship and its requirements, please visit [www.futureblackmen.org/scholarships.htm](http://www.futureblackmen.org/scholarships.htm)

The application deadline is **June 1, 2007**. All required information must be mailed in **one single packet** and it must be received by the deadline date. Award recipients will be notified on **July 6, 2007**. The applicants must show a financial need.

Future Black Men of America, Inc. (FBMA) is an organization designed to improve the quality of life for African American males. We hope to improve their chances of success by encouraging them towards success in education, emphasizing the importance of morals, values, ethics, and spirituality, and by empowering them to become socially and economically responsible for our society. FBMA is a tax exempt 501(c)3 organization that is based in Raleigh, NC. For more information please visit [www.FutureBlackMen.org](http://www.FutureBlackMen.org)

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