



The Xanéya Thomas Future Leaders Scholarship

APPLICATION FORM

Background

This scholarship was established in September 2024 by Binghamton High School Liberty Partnerships Program (BHSLPP) alumna, Xanéya Thomas. The Future Leaders scholarship will support a BHSLPP college bound high school senior who has demonstrated a commitment to community leadership and aspires to be a future leader in areas of social justice by pursuing a law or related degree.

Ms. Thomas attended BHS from 2016 to 2020, participating in extracurriculars within the music and athletic departments. Additionally, Ms. Thomas was actively engaged as a member of the BHS National Honors Society and the Student Government where she assisted in planning and organizing school/community activities. She was an active member of LPP from 2014 to 2020 where she assisted in curating and implementing numerous community impact projects and served as a youth representative at Albany Advocacy Day, where she engaged with local and state legislators to advocate for sustainable state funding in support of NYS educational opportunities programs for high school students through postsecondary education. During her time at BHS and with LPP, Ms. Thomas was known for advocating for her peers, engaging in discussions regarding school policies, addressing issues relating to local and national social justice and being an active volunteer in the Greater Binghamton community.

After graduating high school, Ms. Thomas attended and played college basketball at Medaille University for 3 years before transferring to SUNY Buffalo State where she continued to play collegiate basketball and earned a criminal justice bachelor's degree in 2024. With a strong passion for social justice and a commitment to principles like diversity, equity, and inclusion, she is now pursuing a Juris Doctor with a concentration in advocacy law at The University at Buffalo School of Law.

This scholarship will be awarded to one college bound BHSLPP senior who demonstrates the character and commitment to social justice and advocacy that Ms. Thomas exhibited during her time at BHS. The scholarship committee will consider each applicant's financial need, community involvement, cumulative GPA, personal statement, essay, and other relevant criteria submitted. The committee emphasizes that these considerations should not discourage prospective applicants from applying as the committee will provide a **holistic review** of all submitted materials.

Considerations:

- Personal Statement
- Essay
- Community Service
- Intended College Major(s)
- Cumulative GPA (to be verified by unofficial transcript)

Deadline Submission:

Please submit this application with an **unofficial transcript no later than 11:59PM on May 4th, 2026**, in **PDF format** via email at xtfutureleaders@gmail.com. Questions? Please email all questions to xtfutureleaders@gmail.com. You shall receive a reply in 24-48 hours with respect to the submission deadline.

Applicant's Information

Full name:	_____	Date:	_____
	<i>Last First M.I.</i>		
Address:	_____	Phone:	_____
	<i>Street address Apt/Unit #</i>		
	_____	Email:	_____
	<i>City State Zip Code</i>		

Academic Information

High school:	_____	Address:	_____
CGPA:	_____	Graduation Year:	_____
Interested College:	_____	Planned Major:	_____

Extracurricular Activities & Volunteer Work

Please provide a brief description of your involvement in extracurriculars, sports, or volunteer work:

Name:	_____	Duration:	_____
Role:	_____	Phone:	_____
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Essay Questions

Please submit your essays in print or PDF format attached to your complete application. **Use of generative AI (ChatGPT, Claude, Google Gemini, Microsoft CoPilot, etc.) is prohibited.** AI data centers are being placed in marginalized communities, raising concerns about environmental racism. The water consumption by these AI data centers are exacerbating burdens of high energy costs, pollution, and water usage for already vulnerable predominantly Black areas.

Social Justice & Advocacy:

Please detail what system in the United States you would reform to promote social justice for all. How do you intend to promote social justice in the future? (500-700 words).

Personal Statement:

In no more than 1,000 words, explain why you are applying for this scholarship and how this award will help you achieve your academic and professional goals. Be sure to include any challenges you have overcome or any personal experiences that have shaped your commitment to social justice.

Additional Information

If there is any additional information you would like the scholarship committee to consider when reviewing your application (e.g., personal circumstances, achievements, or goals), please feel free to share below:

Certification & Signature

By submitting this application, I certify that all the information provided is accurate and true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any false information and Generative AI use may result in disqualification from consideration for the scholarship.

Signature:	_____	Date:	_____
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