In keeping with the pride and tradition of service to their community, in June 1988, a number of cavalry descendants and African Americans with prior military service assembled to form a Buffalo Soldier chapter in Tampa, Florida. Under the direction of Israel Tilman, John H. Padgett, and Charles Vann, the chapter constitution and bylaws were written. After the membership reached adequate levels for chapter petition, organizational documents were submitted to the National Headquarters-Ninth & Tenth Horse Cavalry Association. The Woods & Wanton group was awarded its chapter status on August 2, 1997 at the 131st national reunion, United States Military Academy-West Point, New York. The chapter’s affiliation with the Ninth & Tenth Horse Cavalry, established Tampa as the only national association chapter in the state of Florida.

The following year, in July 1998 at the national association’s 132nd reunion in Baltimore, Maryland, the Woods & Wanton Chapter received special commendation for its community involvement and historical colloquiums. The chapter’s mission is to perpetuate the memory of comrades who have passed on and the history of the many accomplishments of the Buffalo Soldiers regiments in the defense of this country. The chapter provides high quality activities to prepare local youth to contribute and take leadership roles in society. Our mentoring, scholarships and community service activities link history and practice to benefit the community.

The chapter is named after Congressional Medal of Honor recipients, Sergeant Brent Woods, Troop B – 9th Cavalry/Indian Wars 1881 and Private George W. Wanton, Troop M – 10th Cavalry/Spanish American War.

Scholarship applicants must be a graduating high school senior or first-year college student. Applications are not renewable. Applicants must be residents of the Tampa Bay Area. The application deadline is March 1st. Scholarships will be awarded based on academic achievement, financial need, and community service. Each submittal will be reviewed and rated by the scholarship committee.

To apply, complete the application form on the back, attach all required documents, along with current photograph. Mail to The Woods & Wanton Chapter, Inc. Attn: Scholarship Committee P. O. Box 76582 Tampa, Florida 33675-1585. Postmark on or before March 1st.
Name: __________________________  Last  First  Middle

Address: __________________________________________________________

City: __________  State: _______  Zip: _______  Phone _______  email _______

Highest level of education (check one only)  2.5 GPA required to qualify
[ ] High School Senior  [ ] Some College  [ ] Associate’s Degree  [ ] Technical Training

GPA: _______  SAT: _______  ACT: _______  GRE: _______  Rank: _______

High School Name: ______________________  Graduation Date: __________

Address: ________________________________________________________

City: __________  State: _______  Zip: _______

College/University: ______________________  Credit Hours Completed: _______

Address: _________________________________________________________

#Quarter/Semester Hours: _______

Course of Study/Major: ______________________  Expected Graduation Date: _______

If high school student, institution you plan to attend: ______________________

Colleges/Universities to which you have applied or are considering: __________

List financial aid and other scholarships applied for/awarded: __________

Are you or a relative, a member of The Woods & Wanton Chapter, Inc. or the 9th & 10th (Horse) Cavalry Association?  [ ] Yes  [ ] No

If Yes, Members Name: ____________________________________________

List places of employment or Extra Curricular School, Church, Civic Clubs, Groups or Organizations in which you are involved and offices held: __________

Attach to the application the following required information:

1. Verification of GPA/Official High School or College Transcript (must be in a sealed envelope)
2. Two letters of Recommendation
3. An essay of 200-600 words describing how this scholarship will enable you to achieve your dream.
4. Provide a list of community service performed in the last 2 school years

I certify that the information contained in this application and provided above is true. All attached documents, along with a wallet size photograph become the property of the Woods & Wanton Chapter, Inc. Scholarship committee. I understand that I must attend any recognition event or other function as deemed necessary as a representative of the award.

Applicant’s Signature: ___________________________  Date: __________________

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