

STEM Summer Camp Scholarships named after Brigadier General Charles McGee are Living Monument to famed Tuskegee Airman

McGee STEM scholarships are available for grades 4-8 for week-long summer camp programs; collaboration seeks to expand STEM pipeline for African American youth

SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND, UNITED STATES, February 21, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- <u>Alpha Phi Alpha</u> and KID Museum are partnering to send area kids to summer camps focused on science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).



More than 50 scholarships are now available for qualifying students in grades 4-8 to participate in KID Museum's week-long programs this summer in Bethesda from June 20-August 25, 2023.

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This recognition is indeed another blessing. Thank you for what you are doing to establish a scholarship in my name to reach into the future to mentor and support our youth who are our future"

> Brigadier General Charles McGee, December 5, 2020

The partnership was launched at the beginning of February to kick off Black History Month. It is the latest initiative of the Montgomery County chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha's STEM program, which is named for the legendary World War II fighter pilot and Tuskegee Airman, Brigadier General Charles McGee. The <u>McGee STEM Youth</u> <u>Scholarship</u> program aims to expand the STEM pipeline for African American youth.

Scholarships to KID Museum's summer camps will be awarded through Alpha Phi Alpha's Brigadier General Charles McGee STEM Youth Scholarship program, with priority going to families with financial need. Applicants

must complete a short online application found at <u>www.charlesmcgeestem.org</u>. Upon approval, families will be able to register for one of KID Museum's week-long summer camps for only a \$10 registration fee – a significant discount off the usual \$490 cost. This summer, camps at KID

Museum's Bethesda makerspaces will explore STEM's applications in fields such as movie-making, construction, transportation, game design, art, and space exploration. Alpha Phi Alpha will provide each participant that completes a STEM <u>summer camp</u> with a Brigadier General Charles McGee, Tuskegee Airman, lapel pin and STEM certificate.

Families interested in receiving a scholarship to KID Museum's summer camps should visit <u>www.charlesmcgeestem.org</u> and complete an application. Registration opened February 1 on a first-come, first-serve basis until filled.

ABOUT THE PARTNERS

KID Museum is the DMV region's pioneering experiential museum and educational makerspace. The organization fosters the "Mind of a Maker" and empowers the next generation of changemakers with the skills to invent the future. Through hands-on programs, KID Museum challenges young people to be active makers, building agency, confidence, and creative problem-solving skills. KID Museum designs and delivers programs across the full continuum of learning for K-8 students in



The Monument Chapter



Brigadier General McGee

partnership with educators and schools. KID Museum's weekend onsite programs, community events, and live, virtual sessions encourage families to learn and explore together. The organization is part of a growing movement to remake education for every young person, putting them in the driver's seat of their learning and trusting them to be agents of change. For more information, please visit <u>www.kid-museum.org</u>.

Alpha Phi Alpha has been promoting scholarship and academic excellence since the fraternity's founding in 1906. A demonstrated community service leader for more than 50 years, the

Montgomery County (lota Upsilon Lambda) chapter has sponsored a Black Youth Achievement Awards program involving all 26 Montgomery County public high schools since 1978, recognizing nearly 3,000 students annually. The chapter established the Brigadier General Charles McGee STEM Youth Scholarship program in 2021, aimed at increasing the STEM pipeline for African American youth while continuing the legacy of the legendary fighter pilot, Tuskegee Airman and Alpha brother whose mantra was to perceive, prepare, perform and persevere. Among Alpha Phi Alpha's members are engineers, physicians, pharmacists, dentists, scientists, technology professionals, and educators who are STEM role models.

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