

Major Taylor Fellowship Application

Sponsored by **Southside Community Center** and **Black Cat Cyclery**

About the Fellowship Program

The Major Taylor Fellowship was created to honor the legacy of Marshall Walter “Major” Taylor, a Black American professional cyclist who won numerous awards as a cycling champion in the late 1800’s and early 1900’s. This Fellowship is also in cooperation with the Harriet Tubman Freedom Ride being organized by the Major Taylor Cycling Club on July 24, 2021 from Ithaca, paying tribute to the Underground Railroad and the great abolitionist and social activist Harriet Tubman.

This Fellowship is open to any person **21 years of age or younger** who identifies as a Black, Indigenous, or Person of Color (**BIPOC**) who is passionately interested in promoting cycling and encouraging underrepresented communities to participate in cycling events.

If selected, the Applicant will receive the following from the Sponsors:

1. **New road bicycle**, valued to at least \$600;
2. **Bicycle accessories**: New helmet, bicycle lock, and lights;
3. **Custom bicycle jersey** detailing sponsors;
4. **One-year membership in the Major Taylor Cycling Club** chapter of your choice;
5. Rider entry fee into the **Harriet Tubman Freedom Ride on July 24, 2021**; and
6. **Limited training assistance**, including working with the cyclist on training goal schedules, riding etiquette, and connecting with other area cyclists for long distance riding. Depending on the cyclist’s abilities and interests, individualized training will be offered on basic bicycle maintenance and emergency roadside skills.

This Fellowship expects the following from the Applicant:

1. **Ride in the Major Taylor Ride on July 24, 2021**, with a 50-mile riding goal;
2. Attend or organize at least **three (3) community bicycle rides or events**, through local cycling groups or organized with Southside Community Center; and
3. **Advocate with Southside Community Center** to organize community rides and bicycle events for youth and traditionally marginalized communities.

The Major Taylor Fellowship seeks to intentionally center the diversity of bodies, needs, and experiences of bicycling. It also seeks to further Southside Community Center’s mission to affirm, empower, and foster the development of self-pride in its membership. This Fellowship aims to grow that sense of connection to bicycling and community for a young cyclist.

Application Instructions

Please fill out the application to the best of your ability. **Applications must be submitted by May 8, 2021.**

After your application has been submitted, we will reach out to you to schedule an interview via Zoom. We will also reach out to the references you provide at that time.

If you are under the age of 18, please have your parent or guardian sign the authorization section on Page 5.

Please submit your application to Mason C. Wilson at BlackCatCyclery@gmail.com, or contact with questions.

We look forward to riding with you!

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Applicant Information

Full Name: _____ Date: _____
First M.I. Last

Address: _____
Street Address Apartment/Unit #

_____ *City State ZIP Code*

Phone: _____ Email _____

Date of Birth: _____

(If under 18 years old, you must have your parent or guardian sign the authorization section below)

Are available on July 24, 2021? YES NO

Are you currently in school? YES NO If yes, where and what year in school? _____

(You are **not** required to be a student in order to qualify for this Fellowship)

Additional Questions

Please use an additional piece of paper if needed.

How and when did you become passionate about cycling?

What are some positive and negative experiences you've had with cycling?

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Additional Questions (continued)

What do you see as the most significant barriers to people becoming cyclists (whether for exercise, transportation, or self-empowerment) in your community?

What ideas, activities, classes, or other support would you be most interested in promoting to help connect youth or other community members to cycling?

Any other information you would like us to know about you or consider for your application?

References

Please list two references who can tell us about your interests and motivations.

Full Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

How you know them: _____

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Previous Employment or Volunteer Opportunities

Please fill out if you have any employment or volunteer experiences you would like us to know about. This may include school related programs, or work you have done without receiving compensation. Please use an additional sheet of paper if needed.

Company: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Supervisor: _____

Job Title: _____ Starting Salary:\$ _____ Ending Salary:\$ _____

Responsibilities: _____

From: _____ To: _____ Reason for Leaving: _____

Company: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Supervisor: _____

Job Title: _____ Starting Salary:\$ _____ Ending Salary:\$ _____

Responsibilities: _____

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Parent / Guardian Authorization

Have your parent or guardian complete only if you are under 18 years old.

Full Name: _____
First M.I. Last

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Phone: _____ Email _____

The undersigned parent/guardian acknowledges that s/he is aware that the Applicant is applying for the Major Taylor Fellowship and may be interviewed by Southside Community Center and Black Cat Cyclery during this application process. If selected for the Major Taylor Fellowship, I understand the expectations of the program (detailed on Page 1 of this Application), and approve of the Applicant's participation in those activities, and understand that these activities involve risks for physical injury to the participants.

Signature: _____

Applicant's Signature

I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Thank you for your application!