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100 Black Men of South Metro, Inc.  
Paul E. Vaughn, President Elect  
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Greetings Mr. Vaughn:

The 100 Black Men of Southern Illinois, Inc., is undertaking a fundraising campaign for the fiscal year 2025. As such, we are asking that you include the 100 in your 2025 budget plans.

Two primary components of the 100 are the Pathway to Manhood and the Pathway to Womanhood, which is a middle and high school mentoring program. In addition, we sponsor our Annual Scholarship Awards.



In order to meet the financial obligations for these two programs, a total of \$27,000 must be secured.

The 39<sup>th</sup> National Conference for the 100 Black Men of America will be held in New Orleans, LA from June 4-8, 2025; and will showcase young people from chapters throughout the United States. Registration, hotel accommodations, and airfare to send two young ladies, and two young men from the Pathway programs; accompanied by a female and male adult chaperon, is \$13,000.

The second undertaking is our 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Scholarship Award Program. Due to the high cost of college, we have a need to reach out to you for help. Program cost for 2025 is \$4,000; and with our assurances to the students, we are required to match that total for year 2025.

With the writing of this letter, our request is that you allocate 2025 funds to the 100 Black Men program to help us achieve these worthwhile goals. A document to solicit your level of financial assistance is attached. We will contact you during the months of March and April 2025 to secure your financial commitment.

Thank you in advance, and we look forward to following up with you during the forthcoming months.

*Rouzell Porter*

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Chairman

In 1986, the 100 Black Men of America, Inc. Alton / Madison County Chapter was incorporated under the laws of the state of Illinois and in 1988 became a tax exempt non-profit 501 (C) (3) organization under the Internal Revenue Code.