

**BUTTERFLIES & DREAMS BOOK CLUB**  
**African American Students Book Award Application**

*Please Print or Type*

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_

The following item must be verified by your guidance counselor's signature.

Grade Point Average \_\_\_\_\_

Verifying Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose an official transcript.

List extracurricular and community activities.

Provide one (1) letter of reference. (A person who is not a family member).

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Place of  
Employment \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

This application should be completed and returned no later than **March 6, 2026** to:

**BUTTERFLIES & DREAMS BOOK CLUB**

c/o Mrs. Jogina S. Jones  
2939 North Osprey Avenue  
Sarasota, FL 34234

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### Attachment (A) – Book Award Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
On a separate sheet please type one (1) page, double spaced 12-point font essay on *How has reading played a significant role in your life and how it has been a determining factor in your decisions and plans after high school?*

## **Book Award Criteria**

- A completed application.
- One (1) letter of recommendation.
- A minimum grade point average of 2.50. This must be verified by a guidance counselor's signature.
- An official transcript must be submitted.
- As a Book Award recipient, you must provide evidence of acceptance at a post-secondary institution before the book award is awarded. If you currently have an acceptance letter, please submit it with your application.
- Graduating senior at the end of the 2025-2026 school year.
- The Book Award Committee will introduce the recipients at the May Book Club meeting. Recipients will be asked to say a few words about herself or himself.



## BUTTERFLIES & DREAMS BOOK CLUB

The Butterflies & Dreams Book Club was a vision of its president, Jogina Jones to promote reading among African Americans. On a whim in December 1999, she invited friends and friends of friends to gather and share their thoughts on books written primarily by African American authors.

Reading is enjoyable and rewarding. While this idea was socially driven initially, the members decided to add a civic component, as well. We decided to share this concept throughout the communities where we live and work.

By collecting dues from its members annually, the membership has been able to serve as mentors to youth in Manatee and Sarasota Counties. We have sponsored an afterschool book club to promote reading at the elementary school level. A teacher and small group of students at Emma E. Booker Elementary School gave us the opportunity to promote reading. The Butterflies & Dreams Book Club provided books and journals to those students. We met several afternoons to discuss *Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry* by Mildred Taylor with them. We are *Friends of the Newtown Public Library*, donated funds for after school programs at the *Robert Taylor Community Center* and *the Dream Center*. Additionally, organizations that have benefited from our generosity are: *Truly Valued, Girls Talk, the Betty J. Johnson North Sarasota Public Library, classroom teachers at Suncoast School of Innovative Studies, Horizons Academy, Sisters Sowing Seeds, Blooming Impressions and Making an Impact*.

The Butterflies & Dreams Book Club has given book awards to deserving high school seniors from Sarasota and Manatee counties.