**TDSB’s African Heritage Month Committee’s 1st Annual BSA Awards**

**Celebrating Black Student Alliances**

**Application deadline: Friday, January 17, 2020**

The African Heritage Month Committee’s BSA Awards celebrate the achievements of Black Student Alliances that seek to empower black students, create safer and more inclusive spaces and provide leadership opportunities for students of African heritage.

BSAs are student groups that increase student voice, build capacity in student leadership and are supported by a TDSB staff member. Through ongoing meetings and discussions, school assemblies, guest speakers, presentations, and other initiatives students support each other, challenge anti-Black racism and contribute to ensuring the TDSB meets its commitments to equity, inclusion, and Black student success.

The inaugural awards recognize the incredible work of BSAs and make visible students of African heritage. **Three prizes of $300 will be awarded for each winning BSA to use towards its activities for the school year.** The winning BSAs will be announced at the **African Heritage Month Opening Celebration to be held on Saturday, February 1 at Downsview S.S.**

To be considered for the award, kindly submit a 1-2 page statement explaining the history of the BSA and why it was started, the work it undertakes, describe your membership, and outline the impact the group aims to make for the 2019/20 school year and beyond. Please submit photos, links to videos, stories of impact, etc. to support your nomination.

**Criteria for selection:**

* **The award is open to both elementary and secondary schools for students in grades K to 12.**
* **One award will be given in each category: grades K - 3; grades 4 - 8; and grades 9-12.**
* **Applications will be evaluated based on the following:** 
  1. **Education and activities to create more inclusive school spaces;**
  2. **Advocacy and impact engaging school communities to address anti-Black racism;**
  3. **Supporting students in a variety of ways.**

**BSA Awards - Nomination Form**

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| **Name of BSA/Group:** |  |
| **School:** |  |
| **Student Contact’s Name:** |  |
| **Student Contact’s Email:** |  |
| **Staff Advisor’s Name:** |  |
| **Staff Advisor’s Email:** |  |

**Please submit completed applications by Friday, January 17, 2020 to: Michelle Davis, Co-Chair of the African Heritage Month Committee at 5050 Yonge Street, 3rd floor** [**michelle.davis@tdsb.on.ca**](mailto:michelle.davis@tdsb.on.ca)**.**

**Questions?** Please contact Michelle Davis at 416-395-9695, or [michelle.davis@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:michelle.davis@tdsb.on.ca)

***Are you interested in starting a BSA at your school?***

***Please join us on Saturday, February 1, 2020 at Downsview Secondary School, 7 Hawksdale Road, North York, Ontario, M3K 1W3 to learn more!***