Kingston Celebration – July 21 – 28, 2016 Descendants of Solomon and Elizabeth Family Reunion

The Descendants of Solomon and Elizabeth are committed to educating our family. In connection with our "Celebration" theme, we aim to rise as we climb in our pursuit of a higher education. This is why we have decided to reward an exceptional student with the **Solomon and Elizabeth Tuition Scholarship**.

What is the scholarship?

The Solomon and Elizabeth Tuition Scholarship is available to family members in pursuit of advancing themselves through education.

Who is eligible?

- Any descendant of Solomon and/or Elizabeth Hibbert
- Applicant must be enrolled in or matriculating at a college, university, vocational, nursing, culinary arts, automotive or continuing education program
- There is no age restriction required to apply
- Open to all family members regardless of country of residence

How do I apply?

You must write a **1000 word essay** on one of the topics below:

High School Students:

You are on the beach and come across a message in a bottle. You break the bottle and pull out the message. The message says "I am at these coordinates: 17° 59' 0" N / 76° 57' 0" W and I need your help in getting home." Where is this person? What is significant about the name of the place that he is in?

College Students:

You have finally made it and graduated to make your family proud. One day we open the New York Times and there you are on the cover. In 1000 words, tell us what you did to make it to the New York Times and why would your family be proud of that accomplishment.

Returning Students:

How will what you plan to study make a positive impact on your family and on society?

Open topic (anyone can choose):

Due to slavery, many Black people cannot trace their ancestry further than 3 or 4 generations. Through the work that has been done thus far, our family has traced its heritage to the 1850's, one generation prior to Solomon. However because we have not traced our heritage further, we have not yet determined our African ancestry, nor have we answered the question of how we are related to the Hibbert family from England. Undoubtedly, we will eventually answer all of these questions. When we are able to answer these questions, explain in your words what that will mean to us as a family?

Essays must be submitted via email to hibbertg@bellsouth.net no later than June 1, 2016. The most compelling essay will be awarded. The award will be presented at the Family Banquet. Note: *Attendance at the reunion is not required to apply. Awards will be made directly to the school towards your tuition bill. The amount of the award will be announced in June. Essays will be graded based on the age level of the participant.* Good Luck!

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