

2025 AKAdemic Scholars



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Rho Lambda Omega Chapter



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Academic Scholars**

GUIDELINES:

1. Must be a current-year graduating senior from an accredited high school in Hinds, Madison, or Rankin County.
2. Must send application, extracurricular activity and community service form, counselor confirmation form, honors and awards form, personal narrative video, media release agreement, and signature page along with an official transcript that includes the immediately prior term's grades to apply.
3. Must have a minimum GPA of 3.0.
4. Must be enrolled in an accredited college as a full-time student for the first semester of their freshman year to be issued the award.

STANDARD SELECTION CRITERIA:

Award recipients are to be selected on an objective and nondiscriminatory basis. All applicants are evaluated based on High Academic Achievement, Financial Need, or Recognized Contribution to the Community. Please note that applicants will only be awarded one of the available scholarships.

Any applicant wishing to be considered for a Financial Need Scholarship MUST submit their EXPECTED FAMILY CONTRIBUTION (EFC) form along with the scholarship application. The Expected Family Contribution (EFC) form is generated through an analysis of parent and student income and assets as reported on the FAFSA, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid at <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>

INTERVIEW:

Pending selection, scholars MUST attend the Zoom Interview. Interviews will be scheduled for **Sunday, April 27, 2025**. It is recommended that all applicants dress in business attire. Suggested business attire includes:

- Young men – Slacks with Collared Shirt, Sport Coat and Slacks, Suit (with or without a necktie).
- Young ladies – Dress, Blazer with Skirt or Slacks, Suit (including pantsuit).

DEADLINES:

1. The application, counselor confirmation form, extracurricular activity and community service form, honors and awards form, media release agreement, and signature page **MUST BE UPLOADED by April 4, 2025**.
2. The personal narrative video **MUST BE UPLOADED by April 4, 2025**.
3. An official transcript with the seal of the educational institution inside a sealed envelope must be **MAILED and POSTMARKED by April 4, 2025**, to be considered for a scholarship.

CONTACT AND MAILING ADDRESS:

For additional information, please contact: scholarships@ebonypearlsfoundation.org
Ebony Pearls Foundation, Inc.
Academic Scholars
P.O. Box 10054
Jackson, MS 39286

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Name of Applicant: _____
Last First Middle Initial

Home Address: _____

City State Zip Code

Phone #: _____ Gender: Male or Female _____

Applicant E-Mail Address: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian's E-Mail Address: _____

High School: _____ Counselor's Name: _____

Grade Point Average: _____ ACT Score: _____

Name of the institution you plan to attend: _____

Intended Major: _____

Career Interest: _____

Please indicate if you would like to be considered for the Historically Black College University (HBCU) Education Scholarship: (yes or no) _____

(Please note that if you are awarded the HBCU Scholarship and upon issuance, if not enrolled in an HBCU, the scholarship award will be forfeited.)

Please list up to five (5) leadership roles you have held during your Senior year. Please provide a brief description of each role. Use a separate sheet of paper if necessary.

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Counselor Confirmation Form

This form **MUST** be completed by the counselor and uploaded with the application or mailed with the transcript.

Name of Applicant: _____

Name of High School: _____

Principal's Name: _____

Current Grade Point Average: _____ ACT Score: _____

Current Rank in Class: _____

Counselor's Name: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone #: _____

Counselor's Signature

Date

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Honors and Awards Form

Name of Applicant: _____

Please list **all** honors and awards each year for grades 9 through 12. Use a separate sheet of paper if necessary.

<i>Award or Honor</i>	<i>Description of Award or Honor</i>	<i>Date Received</i>

Note: Verification or proof of honors or awards may be requested to complete the application process. Please ensure this information can be made available upon request.

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Media Release Agreement

I, _____, give permission for the use of my name, statements (written or spoken), voice, portrait, likeness, picture, image, video film and/or photographs (hereinafter "Images") taken by or on behalf of Ebony Pearls Foundation, Incorporated and Rho Lambda Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated and reproductions of the same in any form, in any medium now known or hereafter developed, including but not limited to the Internet and social media websites. I hereby release Ebony Pearls Foundation, Incorporated and Rho Lambda Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated from all liability arising from use of images including what I might deem misrepresentation by virtue of distortion, optical illusions or faulty mechanical reproductions. I agree that all such images and statements whether plates, transparencies, negatives, film, video, audio, electronic, digital, and/or any medium now or hereafter utilized connected therewith are and shall remain the property of Ebony Pearls Foundation, Incorporated and Rho Lambda Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. All copyrights in images shall belong to Ebony Pearls Foundation, Incorporated and Rho Lambda Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, and if requested, I will execute any additional agreements to evidence these rights. I further agree to the use of any statements that I make about Ebony Pearls Foundation, Incorporated and Rho Lambda Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated and its various service projects and programs. I acknowledge that this release constitutes the entire understanding with the above parties, all prior understandings, if any, being merged herein.

Signed: _____

Parent/Guardian (if applicant is under 18): _____

Printed Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Date: _____

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Signature Page

I hereby state that the information in this application, including the extracurricular activity, community service, honors and awards forms, and personal narrative video, is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Signature

Date

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Personal Narrative Video

A personal narrative video **MUST** be uploaded for the student to be considered for a scholarship based on High Academic Achievement, Financial Need, or Contribution to the Community. **Please be creative and innovative in the presentation of your video. Let your personality shine through!**

Personal Narrative Video Submission Instructions

1. Complete a 1–2-minute video explaining “Why it is important for you to attend college”.
2. Name the video in the following format:
3. Your First Name_Your Last Name_Video **For example:** Ivy_Green_Video
4. Personal Narrative Videos **MUST** be uploaded to the following link:

[Click Here to Upload Your Personal Narrative Video](#)

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APPLICATION SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Complete the Application in its entirety, which includes the following documents:
 - Application
 - Extra-Curricular Activity and Community Service Form
 - Counselor Confirmation Form
 - Honors and Awards Form
 - Media Release Agreement
 - Signature Page
2. Save the completed application as **one document** in a PDF or WORD format.
3. Name the application in the following format:
Your First Name_Your Last Name_Application **For example:** Ivy_Green_Application
4. **The completed application MUST be uploaded as ONE DOCUMENT to the following link:**
[Click Here to Upload Your Academic Scholars Application](#)

PERSONAL NARRATIVE VIDEO SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

A personal narrative video must be **UPLOADED**, for the student to be considered for a scholarship based on High Academic Achievement, Financial Need, or Contribution to the Community.

1. Complete a 1-2 minute video explaining “Why it is important for you to attend college.”
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OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

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SCHEDULE OF OF EVENTS: (schedule to change with advance notice)

April 4, 2025 - Application Postmark Deadline

April 27, 2025 - Interview for Selected Applicants Only

June 1, 2025 - Awards Ceremony for Selected Applicants Only