

Black & Old Gold

2018 College Scholarship Application

Scholarship is at the core of every brother.

For additional information, contact Scholarship Committee Coordinators:

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or

Bob Wise, bob.wise@mindspring.com, 770-778-8914

Application Submission Guidelines

Dear Scholarship Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the Black & Old Gold Church Award (Scholarship). This award is administered by the Men of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., who are members of Turner Chapel A.M.E Church, who believe education is the key to a successful future. Our desire is to provide a deserving high school graduating male senior at Turner Chapel A.M.E. Church, a scholarship to help defray their post-secondary educational expenses. Every completed application received by the deadline will be carefully and fairly evaluated. Awards are given without regard to race, color, creed, religion, disability, sexual orientation, or national origin. All information will be held in the strictest of confidence by the Men of Alpha at Turner Chapel AME Church. All applications become the property of The Black & Old Gold Scholarship Committee and will not be returned. The award recipient will be announced no later than May 27, 2018.

Carefully review your completed application before it is submitted. The Black & Old Gold Scholarship Committee reserves the right to process only those applications found to be complete by the application postmark deadline.

THE APPLICANT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SUBMITTING ALL REQUIRED INFORMATION IN ONE COMPLETE PACKAGE.

Guidelines

The Black & Old Gold Scholarship was created to assist students with the high cost of college expenses.

Awards are open to males who are planning to attend an accredited post-secondary institution as a full-time student and meet all of the below criteria:

- Active member of Turner Chapel AME Church
- Minimum Cumulative GPA of 2.50 on a 4.0 scale
- Official proof of acceptance from a two year or four year accredited post-secondary institution
- Proof of completion of 40 hours of community service on the agency/organization's letterhead
- Submit two letters of references from a high school teacher/counselor, administrator, or community or church leader. At least one of the two

letters of reference should come from the community service organization. Letters from relatives are not acceptable.

- Participate in an interview, if requested

Application Process

Applicants must send:

- A completed application including the essay. The essay should be no more than two pages in length, typed, and based on the topic “As you reflect on your own educational quest, would you consider attending a HBCU? If so why. If not, why not.” See page 5 of this packet for statistics and additional background information.
- An official copy of high school transcript in a sealed envelope.

Submit application to:

Kevin Tolbert
2040 Double Creek Drive
Powder, Springs, GA 30127

Incomplete applications and applications postmarked after May 1, 2018 will not be considered.

Selection Process and Notification

Scholarship recipients are selected according to merit on a competitive basis. In addition, applicants must demonstrate career and academic potential measured by a combination of factors, including past performance and career objectives. Not all applicants will receive awards. Applicants will be notified regarding the status of the award.

Award and Payment

The Black & Old Gold Scholarship is a one-time award amount of \$500.00. Awards may be used for the upcoming semester the scholarship is awarded and are non-renewable. Awards are paid in one installment and made payable directly to the recipient. The decision of the Committee is final.

Revision Policy

The general conditions and procedures under which scholarships are made are subject to periodic review by the Black & Old Gold Scholarship Committee, including termination of the program.

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APPLICATION

Please Type

SECTION 1 – APPLICANT INFORMATION		
Name (Last, First, Middle)		
Permanent Address		
City	State/Province	Zip/Postal Code
Phone (Home)	Phone (Cell)	Email Address
Date of Birth	Birth State	
Resident Status: <input type="checkbox"/> US Citizen <input type="checkbox"/> Permanent Residence		Parent(s) Name:
SECTION 2 – HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION		
School Name	GPA (Cumulative)	
Address		
City	State/Province	Zip/Postal Code
Phone Number	Graduation Date	
SECTION 3 – COLLEGE INFORMATION		
What school will you attend this fall?	Major	
Future Professional Goals		
SECTION 4 – COMMUNITY/EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES INFORMATION		
Briefly describe any volunteer work you have done. Explain your role including dates and locations. Include documentation indicating your hours of community service.		
SECTION 5 – HONORS/AWARDS INFORMATION		
List honors and awards you have received. Please include list of scholarships you have received to date.		
SECTION 6 – REFERENCES		
List names, email, and phone numbers for two references.		
I certify that the information provided in the application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. If requested, I agree to give proof of information I have provided in the application. I understand that falsification of information may result in the termination of any granted financial support and this application becomes the property of the Black & Old Gold Scholarship Committee.		
Applicant's Signature		Parent(s) Signature
Date		Date

Black & Old Gold Scholarship Essay Background Information

IS ATTENDING A HBCU (Historically Black Colleges/Universities) RELEVANT FOR ME?

Created in a time of segregation and discrimination, historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) have played a pivotal role in transforming the landscape of higher education in the United States for African-Americans. Today, the rich legacy of the nation's more than 105 Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) which began before slavery ended, are having their vital role and relevance contested in these contemporary times.

Academic Legacy

Born out of the era when it was a crime in many states to teach African-Americans to read, HBCUs were established following the end of the Civil War, particularly in the rural South. On these campuses, the foundation was laid for intellectual pathways (and philosophical battles) that would help chart and influence African-American society and the country.

From Hampton to Howard, Morehouse to Spelman and beyond, HBCUs are sanctuaries for Black intellectuals, artists, revolutionaries and folks of myriad backgrounds. These institutions have educated the architects of freedom movements and cultivated leaders in every field and nurtured some of the most influential and successful Americans of our time.

These individuals include Booker T. Washington (educator, author, orator, and advisor to presidents of the United States, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (Baptist minister and activist), W.E.B. Du Bois (sociologist, historian, civil rights activist and author), Ralph Ellison (novelist, literary critic, and scholar), Toni Morrison (novelist, essayist, editor, teacher, and professor emeritus at Princeton University), Oprah Winfrey (media proprietor, talk show host, actress, producer, and philanthropist), Alice Walker (novelist, short story writer, poet, activist and author of novel *The Color Purple*), Spike Lee (film director, producer, writer, and actor), Wanda Sykes (actress, comedian, and writer), Debbie Allen (actress, dancer, choreographer, television director, television producer, and a member of the President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities), Phylicia Rashad (actress,

singer and stage director, and multiple members of the Congressional Black Caucus, just to name a few.

Relevance

HBCUs have a special and important place in the fabric of higher education in the United States and bear a legacy and relevancy like no other set of universities. They continue to serve as centers of diversity and access for college students. They are symbolic of the African-American quest for educational excellence and social equity.

Essay Question

As you reflect on your own educational quest, would you consider attending a HBCU? If so why. If not, why not.

Application Checklist

Before sealing your package, please make sure all items listed below are included:

- Completed and signed scholarship application (signed by applicant and parent/guardian)
- Essay (Topic “As you reflect on your own educational quest, would you consider attending a HBCU? If so why. If not, why not.”)
- Two typed letters of recommendation (sealed)
- Proof of 40 hours of community service
- Proof of active participation in some church ministry
- Official High School Transcript (sealed)
- Write “Black & Old Gold Scholarship” on the front of the envelope

Missing any of the above items will result in an incomplete package and will not be considered for an award. Application must be postmarked by May 1, 2018.