



The mission of [The H.O.P.E. Scholarship Initiative](#) is to make education affordable to deserving students. No student should be denied access to a quality education simply because they lack the necessary financial resources. Neither money nor prestige are requisites for making a difference. Hard work, determination and a passion for service can turn any dream into a reality.

I. Establishment

The Helping Others Pursue Education Scholarship Initiative was established in 2010. It is supported by the organization's scholarship committee.

II. Purpose

The H.O.P.E. Scholarship is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization designed to empower financially challenged students, particularly those attending historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs).

III. Criteria/Eligibility

An applicant must be a rising sophomore, junior or senior currently, enrolled in an accredited college or university. An applicant must be of African American, Latino or Native American descent. Each applicant must possess a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher. The scholarship committee will review completed applications and award (s) will be made on the basis of the following criteria:

- Academic Performance
- Community Involvement
- Financial Need

Scholarship awards must be applied to tuition, books, room and board (including off-campus housing), and other university-related expenses. Scholarship monies must be used in the academic year in which they are awarded. Scholarship winners are not able to reapply in subsequent years.

IV. Award Description

The H.O.P.E. Scholarship will award a one-time only scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.

V. Application Deadline

All completed applications, must include two (2) references, resume, and be submitted via email: info@thehopescholarship.org, no later than **Monday, August 1, 2016 at 5:00pm (ET)**. It is the sole responsibility of the applicant to ensure that all necessary actions are taken in support of eligibility requirements. Please note, any falsely submitted information will result in disqualification.

Instructions for completing this application

1. This application must be typed. It must be completed electronically with the Adobe Acrobat Reader; however, if you wish to save the completed application, you will need Adobe Acrobat. To download Adobe Acrobat click [here](#).
2. Applicants must be currently enrolled in a full-time, undergraduate program.
3. Two references must be submitted with contact information (not letters of recommendation).
4. Each applicant must submit an unofficial transcript and resume. An official transcript will only be requested from finalist(s) only.
5. The completed application, together with the (2) required references, and resume **must be received via email info@thehopescholarship.org by August 1st 5p.m. (ET)**. It is the sole responsibility of the applicant to take the necessary action and precautions to insure that the completed application together is in fact received by the deadline.
6. In order for an application to be deemed complete, all application fields must be completed. No omissions are acceptable.

Application Checklist

- Application
- Essay or Video Entry
- References
- Transcript
- Resume

Date _____

THE H.O.P.E. SCHOLARSHIP

Personal Information

Name _____
Local Address _____
City _____
State/Province _____ Zip/Postal Code _____
Phone Number _____
Email Address _____

Permanent Address _____
City _____
State/Province _____ Zip/Postal Code _____
Phone Number _____

Academic Information

College /University _____
Major _____ GPA _____ Classification _____ Minor _____
Student ID Number _____ College Entry Date _____
Anticipated Graduation Date _____

References

Professor _____ Phone Number _____
Email Address _____
Personal _____ Phone Number _____
Email Address _____

Social Media Checklist

How did you find out about the scholarship? _____

VOLUNTEER WORK

Provide the following information about the civic, community, volunteer and extra-curricular

activities in which you have had significant participation in the last year. Identify each activity, your participation, dates of participation and amount of time involved per week.

SHORT ANSWER

Instructions: The short answer section of the scholarship includes one (1) question. Question one requires all applicants to respond in 250 words or less in the space provided below.

Q1. Claflin University recently reached a [milestone](#) in alumni giving, when its alumni giving rate increased from 43 percent to 52 percent, placing it among the best in the nation. According to researchers, only about 10 percent of all HBCU alumni give back to their former institutions. Propose one strategic action HBCUs should take to increase alumni giving.

ESSAY/VIDEO

Instructions: The essay/video section of the scholarship includes an essay question or video submission. The question requires applicants to respond in 500 words or less in the space provided below or in video format. See page six for video guidelines and restrictions.

Q2. The H.O.P.E. Scholarship Initiative believes that "...neither money nor prestige are requisites

- The video must be your own work. You cannot hire a professional to film or produce your video although checking out equipment from your school and recruiting the help of your friends is acceptable. Your video cannot be a fictional account or dramatization. Please sign and attach the [video release form](#).
- Video length not to exceed three (3) minutes running.

This is to certify that the information provided is accurate and true.

Signature _____

Date _____