

Alpha Scholarship and Charitable Foundation of IUL



**2025 Paul Robeson
Scholarship
Application**



Presented by:
Alpha Scholarship and
Charitable Foundation of IUL
2025 Scholarship Chairman: Mr. Ray A. Smith

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CRITERIA AND PROCEDURES

1. Must be a graduating African-American male who lives and attends a public or private school located in Montgomery County, Maryland.
2. Must utilize funds towards an accredited four (4) year institution of higher education in the United States during the upcoming academic year.
3. Must submit an official school transcript with your cumulative unweighted and weighted GPA. Transcript must include the first semester of the senior year. Transcripts must be submitted in a sealed envelope from the school registrar or electronically submitted by an authorized school official sent to “Scholarship@iul1906.org”.
4. Must submit one (1) typed, dated, and signed letter of recommendation on official organization letterhead from a non-school related community service or job-related organization verifying your involvement.
5. Must submit one (1) typed, dated, and signed letter of recommendation from your current high school principal, counselor, advisor or teacher on the school’s official letterhead. Recommender must specify the relationship or capacity in which they know or observed the applicant.
6. Must complete an essay not to exceed 1000 words.

Essay topic:

“Artificial Intelligence (AI) can be considered a help or hindrance in educating students for the future, do you agree or disagree with this statement; explain your rationale as to why or why not?”

or

How is Artificial intelligence (AI) impacting the political landscape in elections, and what are the potential benefits and risks associated with its use in campaign strategies and voter engagement?

7. Must submit a recent portrait size (5x7) color photograph with the applicant's name printed on the back of the photo. The photo must be a business, formal, or scholarly cap and gown. Proofs, cell phone, personality, or scanned photos are not acceptable.
8. Application **MUST** be signed by the student and parent or legal guardian.
9. **Completed applications in the original format along with attachments, official transcript, photo, and recommendations will be received electronically at Scholarship@iul1906.org (no physical packages will be accepted).**
10. **Completed applications must be received by Friday, April 04, 2025. All information on this form is considered confidential. All materials, including the photo become the property of ASCE. Please direct all questions to the scholarship Committee Chair at SCHOLARSHIP@iul1906.org.**

*****If any items are omitted, the application will be deemed incomplete and will not be considered*****

2024-2025 PAUL ROBESON SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Name: _____

SCHOLARSHIP SELECTIONS AND CRITERIA

You may apply for multiple scholarships. Place a check next to ALL applicable scholarships for which you wish to apply and provide ALL supporting documentation.

Merit (Academic) Scholarship – Competitive and Renewable Scholarship up to 4 Years

- \$5000 Annually; four (4) year renewable based on meeting criteria
- Must be a graduating high school senior
- Must have a, **unweighted** cumulative GPA of 3.5 or above
- Must plan to attend a four (4) year institution of higher education in the United States during the upcoming academic year (award is based on actual enrollment)
- Must maintain a cumulative 3.4 GPA while in school to be renewable

Merit (Academic) Scholarship – Competitive Scholarship

- \$2,500 non-renewable based on meeting criteria
- Must be a graduating high school senior
- Must have an **unweighted** cumulative GPA of 3.25 or above
- Must plan to attend a four (4) year institution of higher education in the United States during the upcoming academic year (award is based on actual enrollment)
- Must maintain a cumulative 3.4 GPA while in school to be renewable

HBCU Scholarship – Competitive and Renewable Scholarship up to 4 Years

- \$2,500 Annually; four (4) year renewable based on meeting criteria
- Must be a graduating high school senior
- Must have an **unweighted** cumulative GPA of 3.5 or above
- Must plan to attend a Historically Black College or University in the United States during the upcoming academic year (award is based on actual enrollment)
- Scholarship awardees will be asked to submit a 2-5 minute video submission explaining: "Why I chose an HBCU."

Need Based scholarship – Competitive Scholarship

- \$2,500 non-renewable based on meeting criteria
- Must be a graduating high school senior
- Must have an **unweighted** cumulative GPA of 3.25 or above
- Must plan to attend a two (2) or four (4) year institution of higher education in the United States during the upcoming academic year (award is based on actual enrollment)
- Must submit pages 6 through 8 of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

The Dr. Michael Smith and Dr. Beverly Alston-Smith Award of Excellence

Merit (Academic) scholarship – Competitive Scholarship

- \$1000 non-renewable based on meeting criteria
- open to the best male or female student
- Must be a graduating high school senior in Montgomery County, Md
- academic achievement, community service, significant extracurricular activities, leadership and outstanding character
- Must plan to attend a four (4) year accredited college or university in the United States during the upcoming academic year (award is based on actual enrollment)

*** The Dr. Antonio L. Ellis Diverse Abilities Scholarship***

Need Based scholarship – Competitive Scholarship

- \$1000 non-renewable based on meeting criteria
- Must be a graduating high school senior (male or female) in a Montgomery County Public School
- Must have an Individual Education Plan (IEP)
- No GPA requirement
- Must submit an essay (supported by special education teacher, guidance, counselor, and legal guardian
- submit 3 letters of recommendation
- submit official high school transcript
- Must plan to attend a two (2) or four (4) year institution of higher education in the United States during the upcoming academic year (award is based on actual enrollment)
- Parent or Legal Guardian of student must agree to meet with ACSF board member at the conclusion of the scholarship recipient annually until graduation (this will help us collect data to measure impact and further mentor the student.

● The John E. Crowder STEM Scholarship*

Merit (Academic) scholarship – Competitive Scholarship

- \$500 non-renewable based on meeting criteria
- open to the best male or female student
- Must be a graduating high school senior in Montgomery County, Md
- Must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Present a letter of recommendation from a teacher or counselor that reveals the applicant's dedication to community and/or school service
- Must plan to attend a HBCU in the fall 2025
- Must major in either science, technology, engineering or mathematics

I. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name (Last, First, Middle)

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)

Address

City

State

Zip

Home Phone Number

Mobile Phone Number

Student EMail

Parent/Guardian Name

Mobile Phone Number

EMail

Additional Parent/Guardian Name

Mobile Phone Number

EMail

II. ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Name of High School

Address

City

State

Zip Code

Grade Point Average (GPA)
Unweighted

Grade Point Average (GPA)
Weighted

Expected Date of Graduation

List any Historically Black College or University application(s) you submitted

Indicate any acceptance(s)

Intended Major

III. SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

List school related and/or community service activity

Role(s) held

Years of Service

IV. HONORS AND AWARDS

List Honors and Awards Received

Organization

Year(s) Award Received

“Do not create your own format - Print additional forms as needed”

V. ESSAY

FOLLOW APPLICATION PROCEDURES PAGE FOR ESSAY TOPIC AND INSTRUCTIONS

VI. INCOME (Complete Only If Applying for Need-Based Scholarship Application):

All Need- Based scholarship applicants MUST submit their 2025 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), pages 6 through 8 for financial need verification.

VII. SIGNATURES (*Application must be signed by the student and parent/guardian*):

I HEREBY CERTIFY by the signature below, that all information provided is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. Misrepresentation or submission of inaccurate or incomplete information may result in disqualification or forfeiture of the scholarship.

_____ Print Name – Applicant	_____ Signature	_____ Date
_____ Print Name – Parent/Legal Guardian	_____ Signature	_____ Date
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