#### **SCHOLARSHIP PACKET**

1. <u>CONTENTS</u>: This application packet contains five parts: (a) General information and instructions; (b) scholarship criteria; (c) the application form; (d) model format for the essay; and (e) three personal reference forms.

2. <u>GENERAL INFORMATION</u>: The information provided by you as a part of this application will be used for the sole purpose of selecting recipients for the scholarships. Only completed application packets which are <u>postmarked</u> by Monday, March 3, 2025 will be considered. Incomplete packets <u>will not</u> be reviewed for scholarship consideration. False information provided will automatically result in disqualification.

3. **INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE APPLICATION FORM:** (a) The form must be **completed accurately** and signed by yourself **and** your parent(s) or guardian(s). (b) If only one parent or guardian is in the home, provide information about that parent or guardian. Otherwise, complete all items on the form. It is important to list any **leadership qualifications** you may have. Attach additional pages if needed. <u>Please enclose a **picture** of yourself</u>.

4. **INSTRUCTIONS FOR ESSAY:** (a) One essay written by the applicant is required. (b) Your essay must be titled <u>Why I Want to Attend Albany State University</u>. (c) The essay **must** demonstrate acceptable composition form, correct spelling, proper use of grammar and proper use of punctuation. (d) The length of each essay should be **between 1**<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> - **3** standard sized pages (8 1/2 x 11), typed or printed plainly and double spaced. (e) Attach essay to the application form.

5. <u>INSTRUCTIONS FOR PERSONAL REFERENCE FORMS</u>: (a) As soon as possible, you must select three individuals, one <u>high school teacher</u>, one <u>high school counselor</u>, and one <u>person from your community</u> (an adult) to serve as your references. (b) Provide each with the correct personal reference. (c) Encourage them to complete and return the form to you as early as possible for you to submit with your application.
(d) Attach the references to the application form.

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6. Application with supporting documents must be received or postmarked no later than Monday, March 3, 2025.

Please forward requested information to:

Mrs. Alma Reese 521 Lee Road 2099 Phenix City, AL 36870 Call me if you have questions (706) 464-8142 (cell) – email address: almareese@bellsouth.net

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## FORMAT FOR ESSAY

#### WHY I WANT TO ATTEND ALBANY STATE UNIVERSITY

**INTRODUCTORY PARAGRAPH** 

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# SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

**1.** Grade Point Average minimum of **2.5 CPC** (College Preparatory Curriculum). **GPA must be verified by school counselor**.

- 2. Attach copy of school transcript, SAT and/or ACT score results and photo.
- 3. SAT minimum score (Evidence-Based Reading & Writing minimum 480 and Math minimum 440); ACT minimum score (English or Reading 17 and Math 17) or above and must be verified by your school counselor. Provide copy of test results.
- 4. School and Community involvement (include any leadership positions held).
- 5. Letters of reference (one from a <u>teacher</u>, <u>school counselor</u> and <u>an adult community</u> <u>person</u>).
- 6. Enclose copy of acceptance letter to Albany State University with RAM ID number.
- 7. Verification of enrollment, <u>not acceptance</u> (must be provided prior to any money being received).
- 8. Essay required (must be typed or printed), <u>a minimum of 1<sup>1</sup>/2 pages</u>.
- 9. You must be attending Albany State University during the Fall semester 2025 to be considered.

Failure to provide all of the requested documents by the due date will disqualify you for scholarship consideration.

Mandatory interviews will be arranged for potential candidates.

#### PERSONAL REFERENCE FORM

(High School Teacher)

STUDENT'S NAME
YOUR NAME
YOUR ADDRESS
CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE
TELEPHONE #
How long have you known this student?
Has the student been enrolled in one of your classes? Yes No
If no, how did you become acquainted with this student?
If yes, how did the student perform? Excellently Good Average
Describe the student's conduct. Cooperative Uncooperative
Provide a brief description of the student's personality, character and ability to function in groups, any leadership abilities and potential to perform at the college level.
SIGNATURE
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#### PERSONAL REFERENCE FORM

(Community Person)

STUDENT'S NAME
YOUR NAME
STREET ADDRESS
CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE
TELEPHONE #
How long have you known this student?
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#### PERSONAL REFERENCE FORM

(High School Counselor)

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January 16, 2025

Dear High School Senior Counselor;

Please assist me in announcing and distributing the applications for scholarships to students who meet the qualifications and who are planning to attend Albany State University. I have enclosed a copy of the scholarship packet. Please make additional copies as needed or contact me at 706-464-8142 (cell) or <u>almareese@bellsouth.net</u> (e-mail address). In addition, would you add to the announcements on the school's social media advising of the application availability and the deadline.

Please stress to the students that they must meet the scholarship criteria enclosed in order to be considered as a candidate for the scholarship. Also, the completed application with the requested information must be postmarked no later than Monday, <u>March 3, 2025</u> to be considered. If the students have any questions regarding the application process, please encourage them to contact me at the number or email provided.

Thank you in all that you do to help students further their education and aspirations.

Sincerely,

Alma Reese Scholarship Chairperson