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**Historic Columbus Foundation's
2025 Patricia Jackson Howard Scholarship**

DEADLINE: April 11, 2025 by 4:00 PM

INDIVIDUAL SCHOLARSHIP: \$5,000

SCHOLARSHIP SUBJECT: **"This Place Matters"**

Why do places matter? They matter because they are a part of our universal story, one of the ties that bind our history, culture, and values together. They reflect where we have been and where we are going. They may not all be beautiful, but they all embody our culture – past and present. Choose a property in Columbus, GA that is at least 50 years old that matters to you, write an essay about why "This Place Matters" **TO YOU** and take a picture with a "This Place Matters" sign (see below).

APPLICANTS FOR INDIVIDUAL SCHOLARSHIP: The scholarship was created to honor the memory of one of our past directors, Patricia Jackson Howard. Mrs. Howard promoted the mission of Historic Columbus for many years as a volunteer and employee of the organization. It was her wish that the scholarship be awarded based on merit and need. It will also be provided directly to the recipient for the use to purchase items associated with attending a university or college.

The requirements for scholarship consideration are:

- A graduating senior from a public school in Muscogee County;
- A completed application by the deadline;
- A copy of the student's transcript;
- A copy of the Student Aid Report (SAR);
- A completed essay on the topic provided
- A letter of recommendation; and
- A photo of yourself in front of the building holding a "This Place Matters" sign.

CONTENT: For your photo, download a "This Place Matters" sign here or make your own sign.
<http://www.preservationnation.org/take-action/this-place-matters/sign.html>

Each essay must be:

Minimum of 500 words, Maximum- 1,000 words

Times New Roman, 12 pt. font

Double Spaced

One-inch margins

SCORING: Scoring by the Historic Columbus Scholarship Committee will be based on five criteria - Originality; Overall interest; Contents; Merit; and Need.

Historic Columbus reserves exclusive publication rights to all essays. Historic Columbus reserves the right to not award winners in certain categories if the essays submitted do not warrant winning status. Historic Columbus reserves the right to split award money among winners if there is a tie, or other unusual issue. Applicants who do not follow the rules of the contest will not be considered valid entries. Winners will be notified by April 30th.

Please feel free to contact Palmer Colson at Historic Columbus (palmer@historiccolumbus.com 706-322-0756) with any questions you may have regarding the scholarship or the contest process.