



## FIRST - GENERATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2025-2026

The Columbus Old School Educational Foundation, Inc. is dedicated to empowering first-generation college students, ***meaning those whose parents did not graduate college***, through scholarships that help cover the costs of higher education. We focus on supporting graduating high school students from the Tri-City areas of Muscogee and Chattahoochee Counties in Georgia, as well as Russell County in Alabama. Our goal is to provide opportunities for students to pursue their dreams at either a two-year and four-year institution, ensuring that financial barriers do not hinder their educational aspirations.

**Applicant's Name (Last/First/Middle Initial):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_

**State:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student's Contact Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student's Email Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date to graduate from high school:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of High School:** \_\_\_\_\_

**High School G.P.A.:** \_\_\_\_\_ minimum 2.5 on a 4.0 scale; if other scale, explain:

**Description of extra-curricular activities. Specify offices held. (Typed or neatly printed on separate sheet)**

**School counselor/advisor who can verify completeness:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone number of counselor/advisors:** \_\_\_\_\_



Describe your plans after graduation from high school (Use a separate typed or neatly printed separate sheet )

Description of your community involvement, community service or volunteer service (use a separate typed or neatly printed sheet):

Community leader who can verify community involvement:

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Phone number of community leader providing verification: \_\_\_\_\_

Date to enter college: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of college or university: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of college or university named above: \_\_\_\_\_

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Number of years of college completed (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated professional/Career choice:

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I have included a professional-like photograph to be used if I am selected as a scholarship recipient: Yes / No

I have signed and submitted the attached "Assignment of Rights & Consent to Publish Scholarship Information": Yes / No

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Printed Name of Applicant

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Signature of Applicant

Date

\_\_\_\_\_ I attest that my child is a first-generation student.  
Printed Name of Parent/ Guardian

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Signature of Parent

Date

Please submit a 3-to-5-hundred-word essay describing your career/life goals:  
( Use separate typed or printed paper)



**ASSIGNMENT OF RIGHTS & CONSENT TO PUBLISH SCHOLARSHIP  
INFORMATION**

**KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby grant the Columbus Old School Educational Foundation full rights to publish my name and where I live (city, state), my pertinent family information, the high school from which I am graduating or have graduated, academic information, the college I will be attending, photographs I have provided, and college update information; however, actual street address and phone number will not be disclosed.

I understand that if selected for this scholarship, verification from my college or university confirming my enrollment, and physical attendance in class must be provided before I am awarded scholarship. I will submit these documents as soon as possible, once my attendance, at college begins. Verification must be received, and the award presented to the student no later than January 31<sup>st</sup> of the following calendar year or the scholarship will be voided.

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Executed on the date of: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant (Print name below):

\_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_

I/we attest to the above listed items as accurate and that I/we did not graduate from a College.

Parent 1 Name (Print). \_\_\_\_\_

Parent 1 Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent 2 Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent 2 Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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