



Alpha Onward & Upward Foundation, Inc.

2026

**Scholarship Application
Packet**

*“A Century of Success...Manly Deeds,
Scholarship, and Love for all Mankind”*

Alpha Onward & Upward Foundation, Inc. (AOUF)

The AOUF Inc. is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization supporting the education and community impact work of Alph Phi Alpha Fraternity inc., Delta Iota Lambda Chapter, in Columbus, Georgia. Originally incorporated on August 26, 1998, as the Delta Iota Lambda Educational Foundation, AOUF exists to strengthen the community through scholarships, youth development, mentoring, and service initiatives. One of its signature traditions is the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Award Breakfast, dating back to 1987, which raises scholarship support for college-bound students while honoring leaders who reflect Dr. King's values of unity, justice, and service.

Scholarship Guidelines

Postmark and mail the following material to the enclosed address by April 4, 2026

Outline of Complete application:

1. Three (3) letters of recommendation (Guidance Counselor, Instructor and Community or Church Organization) (1 Letter from each)
2. Current **official** school transcript
3. Resume: typed, double-spaced and less than two pages
4. Essay: Should not exceed two pages Topic: Why it is important for you to continue your education
5. High School Counselor's signature
6. Recent **passport (2x2)** size photo of applicant **attached** to application.

Please ensure that the application is attended to with the details instructed above. We salute you in pursuit of your educational dreams. Selected applicants will be invited to attend the Scholarship Program on May 8th.

Selections are based on the following:

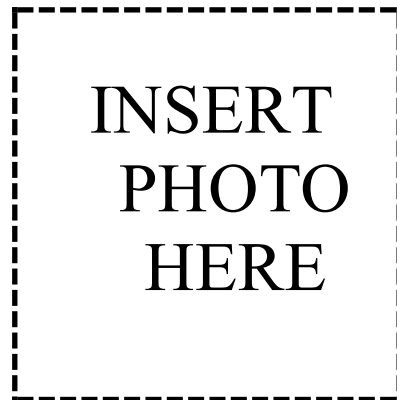
- Academic Potential
- Community Service
- Leadership Ability
- Personal Interview with the Scholarship Committee

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The Scholarship Committee



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NAME _____

Print Please Last, First Middle Initial

Address _____

City _____ **Zip** _____

Email Address: _____

Phone _____

Date of Birth _____

School Currently Attending

School Address

Guidance Counselor _____

Phone _____

Grade Point Average (9th Grade – Present) _____

College Board Scores: (SAT) _____ **(ACT)** _____

List any academic honors or achievements received in high school. (Use separate sheet if needed)

All applicants are required to submit a recent official transcript. Please be sure to include the essay with your application on separate pages.



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List school organizations or extra-curricular activities that you participated in during high school. Please include dates of participation and positions held.

List any community or church involvements outside of school. Include any positions held and the year of involvement.

Name of parents or legal guardians:

Parent/Guardian_____

Parent/Guardian _____

Occupations of Parents/Guardians:

Parent/Guardian_____

Parent/Guardian _____

Number of siblings living at home _____

Please list the number of persons in your household currently enrolled in a college/university_____



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List the names of the colleges to which you have been accepted to in order of preference:

Name of College/ Location

What course of study will you pursue in college?

What is your eventual career choice?

What is the approximate cost of your first year of college?

List three persons providing the recommendations to your personal character, abilities, and qualifications. At least one of these references should not be associated with your high school.

NAME	EMAIL ADDRESS/PHONE#	RELATIONSHIP
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Letters of Recommendation from the Above Listed Persons MUST be included with your Application Packet.



ESSAY

“Why is it important to continue my education”

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ESSAY (Con't; If Necessary)

[illegible]

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I certify that the information cited herein, and which I authorize you to verify is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of High School Counselor

_____ **Date** _____

Signature of Applicant

_____ **Date** _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian:

_____ **Date** _____

The information supplied by the applicant will be held in the strictest of confidence and will be shared only with those persons directly involved with the scholarship selection process.

All Documents must be received by the Committee not later than April 4, 2026. ANY APPLICATION POSTMARKED OR RECEIVED AFTER THIS DATE MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED.

Please Submit Complete Application by Mail or Email:

**Alpha Onward & Upward
Foundation Inc.
Attention: Scholarship Chairman
PO Box 12343
Columbus, GA 31917**

Scholarship Co-Chair: Demetrius McBride, MPA, Ed.s
Email: aoufoundation@gmail.com

