



**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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**INSERT  
PHOTO  
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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 (9<sup>th</sup> Grade – Present)** \_\_\_\_\_

**College Board Scores: (SAT)** \_\_\_\_\_ **(ACT)** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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**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**

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**What course of study will you pursue in college?**

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**What is your eventual career choice?**

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

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**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.***



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## ESSAY

## ***“Why is it important to continue my education”***



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### ESSAY (Con't; If Necessary)



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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  
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