

COLUMBUS ALUMNI CHAPTER ALBANY STATE UNIVERSITY

2026 Scholarship Application

SCHOLARSHIP PACKET

1. **CONTENTS:** This application packet contains four parts: (a) General information and instructions; (b) scholarship criteria; (c) the application form; and (d) three personal reference forms.
2. **GENERAL INFORMATION:** 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 received or postmarked by Friday, March 6, 2026 will be considered.** Incomplete packets **will not** 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. **Please enclose a photo of yourself.**
4. **INSTRUCTIONS FOR ESSAY:** (a) One essay written by the applicant is required. (b) Your essay must be titled **Why I Want to Attend Albany State University.** (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 1½ - 3** standard sized pages (8 1/2 x 11), typed or printed plainly and double spaced. (e) Attach essay to the application form.
5. **INSTRUCTIONS FOR PERSONAL REFERENCE FORMS:** (a) As soon as possible, you must select **three individuals**, one **high school teacher**, one **high school counselor**, and one **person from your community (an adult)** to serve as your references. (b) Provide each with the correct personal reference form. (c) Encourage them to complete and return the form to you as soon as possible for you to submit with your application. (d) Attach the references to the application form.
6. Completed application with all supporting documents must be **received or postmarked no later than Friday, March 6, 2026.**

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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NAME _____ AGE _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

GRADE _____ EXPECTED DATE OF GRADUATION _____

GRADE POINT AVERAGE ____ SAT SCORE (Math: ____ Writing: ____) ACT SCORE ____

HOME ADDRESS _____ CONTACT # _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

SCHOOL NAME _____ CITY _____ STATE _____

ARE YOU A CANDIDATE FOR ANOTHER TYPE OF SCHOLARSHIP? YES ____ NO ____

IF YES, WHAT TYPE? ACADEMIC ____ ATHLETIC ____ CHURCH ____ OTHER ____

WHEN ARE YOU PLANNING TO ENTER COLLEGE? _____

Indicate the name, address and telephone numbers of three personal references:

NAME	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE #
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A. TEACHER _____

B. COUNSELOR _____

C. OTHER _____

LIST ALL SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT (add any leadership positions held):

PARENT(S) OR GUARDIAN(S) INFORMATION (that are in your home)

Father's Name _____ Mother's Name _____

or complete with guardian(s) name(s)

Parent's or Guardian's address (if different from yours) _____

Father's Job Title and Employer _____

Mother's Job Title and Employer _____

Number of children under 18 in household where you reside (including yourself) _____

Student's Signature _____

Father's Signature _____

Mother's Signature _____

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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, copy of 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, add additional pages if needed).
5. Letters of reference (one from a teacher, school counselor and an adult community person).
6. Enclose copy of acceptance letter to Albany State University with RAM ID number.
7. Verification of enrollment (actually attending Fall classes), not acceptance (must be provided prior to any money being received).
8. Essay required (must be typed or printed), a minimum of 1½ pages.
9. You must be attending Albany State University during the **Fall semester 2026** 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.

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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 _____

POSITION _____

DATE _____

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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? _____

How did you become acquainted with this student? _____

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 _____

POSITION _____

DATE _____

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PERSONAL REFERENCE FORM

(High School Counselor)

STUDENT'S NAME _____

YOUR NAME _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE _____

TELEPHONE # _____

How long have you known this student? _____

How did you become acquainted with this student? _____

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.

NOTE TO THE COUNSELORS: Student's SAT _____ **Evidence Writing** _____ **Math** _____
or ACT SCORE _____ **English** _____ **Reading** _____ **Math** _____

Grade Point Average: _____ **(Counselors please place your initials above GPA)**

SIGNATURE _____

POSITION _____

DATE _____

COLUMBUS ALUMNI CHAPTER ALBANY STATE UNIVERSITY

2025 Scholarship Application

January 13, 2026

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 almareese@bellsouth.net (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 **received or postmarked no later than Friday, March 6, 2026 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