

2025  
James M. Schooler, Sr.  
African American Male Scholarship



Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.  
Beta Theta Lambda Chapter  
Durham, NC

Dear Student:

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. has a long and distinguished history of leadership and supportive programs designed to assist young African American males in overcoming cumulative disadvantages caused by years of denial and discrimination in education. The Beta Theta Lambda Chapter also executes Alpha's national "Go-To- High-School, Go-To-College" program to support African American males. Established in 1922, the "Go-To-High School, Go-To-College" program concentrates on the importance of completing secondary and collegiate education as a road to advancement. Statistics prove the value of this extra impetus in making a difference in the success of young African American men, given that school completion is the single best predictor of future economic success.

As part of this national program, the Beta Theta Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. established the James M. Schooler, Sr. African American Male Scholarship to support young men in Durham and Orange counties in attending college. The scholarship is named in honor of James M. Schooler, Sr., who dedicated many years of service to the youth in Durham County as an administrator (Hillside High, Lyon Park Elementary, Whitted Elementary/Junior High, and Shepard Junior High) and was a charter member of the Beta Theta Lambda Chapter in 1938. The application for this \$1000 scholarship is open to African American males who are planning to enroll in college or university during the 2023 fall semester. To be competitive for the scholarship, applicants must have satisfactory grades, exhibit leadership, and be of high moral character.

**Personal interviews are required for selected candidates to be considered for the final award decision.**

A complete application package includes the following items:

- Application form and optional resume.
- An official transcript.
- Two (2) endorsements and letters of recommendation (one must be from a school representative i.e. counselor, teacher, principal).

- An essay between 300 and 500 words in length responding to one of the following prompts:
  - How can you work to bring about the end of intolerance and promote a more equitable community, nation, and/or world?
  - What, specifically, can you do to encourage other African American males to complete high school and attend college?

All applications must be received no later than **April 25, 2025**.

Please send materials to: Email: [BTLEFscholarship@gmail.com](mailto:BTLEFscholarship@gmail.com)

We look forward to considering your application.

Sincerely,

Beta Theta Lambda Scholarship Committee

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE: The scholarship recipient will be notified by email and/or telephone. Upon notification, the recipient MUST provide their student ID number, an official letter from the college or university registrar's office verifying enrollment, and financial aid account information. This information must be received to process the scholarship. All items can be sent electronically to [BTLEFscholarship@gmail.com](mailto:BTLEFscholarship@gmail.com) .**

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.  
Beta Theta Lambda Chapter, Durham, NC

James M. Schooler, Sr. African American Male Scholarship  
*(Application must be typed or neatly printed)*

_____ Name of Applicant	_____ Date of Birth
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_____ Home Address	_____ Phone Number
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_____ City, State, Zip	_____ Email Address
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## Parent/Guardian Information

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian's Name

_____ Home Address	_____ Phone Number
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_____ City, State, Zip	_____ Email Address
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## School Information

_____ High School Principal's Name	_____ Guidance Counselor's Name
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_____ School Address	_____ School Phone Number
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_____ City	_____ State	_____ Zip
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Name of Applicant

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Cumulative Un-weighted

Semester GPA

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Class Rank

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SAT/ACT/PSAT scores (all that apply)

### Honors & Awards:


### Extracurricular Activities:


### Community Service Activities:


Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

**Colleges or Universities Applied To:**

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|----------|----------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. _____ | Accepted Yes _ | <input type="checkbox"/> No _ | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| 2. _____ | Accepted Yes _ | <input type="checkbox"/> No _ | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| 3. _____ | Accepted Yes _ | <input type="checkbox"/> No _ | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| 4. _____ | Accepted Yes _ | <input type="checkbox"/> No _ | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| 5. _____ | Accepted Yes _ | <input type="checkbox"/> No _ | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |

Expected College Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Minor: \_\_\_\_\_

**Career/Occupational Goal:**

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Additional Scholarship Awards? ☐ Yes ☐ NO

1. \_ Awarded \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_ Awarded \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_ Awarded \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_ Awarded \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

***(By signing above, you indicate that all of the above information is true to the best of your knowledge)***

## ENDORSEMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP CANDIDATE

I \_\_\_\_\_ hereby endorse \_\_\_\_\_ as a candidate for the James M. Schooler, Sr. Scholarship. The applicant is expected to graduate this spring and plans to continue his education in college or university.

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position/Role: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Information:

1. SAT score \_\_\_\_\_ or ACT score \_\_\_\_\_

2. Cumulative high school grade point average (GPA):  
Weighted \_\_\_\_\_ Unweighted \_\_\_\_\_

3. Rank the following attributes for the applicant on a scale of 1 to 5 with 5 being the highest rating:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Leadership
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Integrity
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Social Responsibility
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Community Service
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Academics

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Please email endorsement and recommendation letter together. Please state "BTLEF (First and Last name)" in the subject heading.**