

2026

James M. Schooler, Sr. 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. 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 \$1,000 scholarship is open to African American males who are planning to enroll in college or university during the 2025 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 15, 2026**.

Please send materials to: Email: 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 must be sent electronically to BTLEFScholarship@gmail.com .**

Name of Applicant _____

Cumulative Un-weighted

Semester GPA

Class Rank

SAT/ACT/PSAT scores (all that apply)

Honors & Awards:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Extracurricular Activities:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Community Service Activities:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Name of Applicant _____

Colleges or Universities Applied To:

- 1. _____ Accepted Yes No
- 2. _____ Accepted Yes No
- 3. _____ Accepted Yes No
- 4. _____ Accepted Yes No
- 5. _____ Accepted Yes No

Expected College Major: _____ Minor: _____

Career/Occupational Goal:

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.