



**The Epsilon Pi
Uplift Foundation**

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Scholarship Guidelines

The Epsilon Pi Uplift Foundation

SCHOLARSHIP IMPLEMENTATION GUIDELINES

Purpose

The major purpose of the Epsilon Pi Uplift Foundation scholarship program is as follows:

- A. Address the scholarship needs of the High School seniors
- B. Provide financial incentive
- C. Address the alarming high school/college drop-out rate of males
- D. Improve the number of males who attend and graduate from college
- E. Assist in the preservation of Historically Black Colleges & Universities (HBCU)

Foundation President

The President appoints a committee to do the following:

1. Provide at least two monetary scholarships to a graduating and deserving high school senior, be they Male or Female.
2. Make attending an HBCU the highest priority.
3. Determine fund raising activities.
 1. Special assessment included with dues
 2. Dances, Cabarets, raffles
 3. Tournaments such as basketball and others
 4. Contributions - individual and business
4. Establish selection and evaluation procedures to be used.
5. Publicize the availability of awards using social media channels, radio stations, publications, houses of worship, beauty shops, barber shops, or other outlets deemed useful by the President.
6. Publicize all pertinent information relating to Epsilon Pi Uplift Foundation scholarship participation efforts.

SCOPE

The Epsilon Pi Uplift Foundation will provide scholarships to graduating high school students who live in Delaware County (PA) and surrounding area. Scholarship awards will typically be granted annually in the third week of June. The Scholarships are to provide educational assistance to the children and parents of students who meet the selection criteria 50% of the corporation's time will be spent on this activity. *

The Epsilon Pi Uplift Foundation will provide mentoring, child development and enrichment services to minor residents of the Delaware County and surrounding area. The Omega Academy is a mentoring program that will be administered by The Epsilon Pi Uplift Foundation for underprivileged males between the ages of 12-15. Regular monthly meetings will focus on math, science and technology, English, self-esteem, and leadership training. Funds will be raised to provide college scholarships to participants in the academy. The program will be coordinated by members of the corporation and will comprise 25% of the corporation's time and resources.

The Epsilon Pi Uplift Foundation will provide leadership and integrity training, career awareness, and self-esteem and manhood development to High School Junior and Senior Males. The Omega League is a mentoring program that will be administered by the Epsilon Pi Uplift Foundation for exemplary males in their Junior and Senior years of High School. Regular monthly meetings will place an emphasis on duty, honor, strong leadership skills and communication skills. Our goal is to help prepare these teenagers to be young men. This will be accomplished through our example. Our activities will include visits to nursing homes, Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets prepared for the homeless; clothing drives; leadership and communication games and field trips to historical and educational sites in the Delaware County and surrounding area. It is also our hope that the Omega League will be the natural follow on for our Omega Academy participants.

All members of the:

- a. Foundation will participate in the program and will be spear-headed by the Scholarship and Social Action Committee.
 - b. This activity will consume 25% of the fund-raising interests, time and resources of the corporation.
 - c. Other endeavors will be planned in the future.
- The Epsilon PI Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. initiated its scholarship program approximately 50 years ago.
 - The major activity of The Epsilon Pi Uplift Foundation in relation to each of these programs will be fund-raising.

The Epsilon Pi Uplift Foundation will administer the scholarship awards program in conjunction with the Epsilon Pi Chapter (Epsilon Pi) of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. (the fraternity). It will adopt the same procedures and requirements followed by the fraternity as described herein.

The following awards are given each year:

A minimum of two individual \$1,000 scholarships to a deserving, graduating high school senior in Delaware County, PA.

The scholarships totaling \$2,000 at minimum; are awarded to students chosen from among those who submit a written or electronic application packet in response to the Foundation's announcement of and call for applications for the scholarships. (See attached application).

Scholarship announcements and application forms are sent to public and parochial schools in Delaware County by February of each year. The announcement includes the due date for submission of applications, usually within the first two weeks of May.

Eligibility criteria are as follows:

- i. Students must be a resident of Delaware County at the time of application.
- ii. Students must have a scholastic average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
- iii. Student must be entering a four-year college or university as a full-time freshman student in the fall of the year of the announcement of the scholarship award.

Application procedures include a review of the student's academic record, SAT or ACT scores, public service and recommendations. A Screening Panel of Foundation members review all applications to determine who meets at least the minimum criteria. Eligible applications are reviewed, rated and ranked by the Panel. The Panel recommends applicants to the Foundation. Upon acceptance by the Foundation, the Panel notifies the scholarship recipients, and a Foundation representative may attend the High School's Class/Awards Day program in June for the announcement of the awards.

Recipients must notify the Foundation of enrollment at a university. Upon such notice, the Foundation will release the funds as follows:

- i. The individual scholarships are typically awarded in single payment. The payment will be made after notification of enrollment and requested transmission/payment remittance information is received.

Appendix A
(Example of Guidelines)

**The Epsilon Pi Uplift Foundation
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.**

2024 SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

OBJECTIVE

The EPSILON PI Uplift Foundation and the EPSILON PI Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. through its scholarship program, the Epsilon Pi Uplift Foundation Scholarship Contest provides scholarships annually to outstanding graduating high school students in Delaware County.

ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility requirements for applicants are as follows:

1. Students must be a resident of Delaware County at the time of submission.
2. Students must have a scholastic average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
3. Students must be entering a four-year college or university as a full-time freshman student in the fall of the year of the announcement of the scholarship award.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

An official application form with all supporting documents must be sent to the Chairman of the Epsilon Pi Uplift Foundation Scholarship Committee. Applications must be **received no later than May 10, 2024**. Neither the Foundation nor its Board Members will assume any responsibility for any missed deadlines or misunderstandings resulting in disqualification

The application procedure includes:

1. Electronic submission of the **Application Form**.
2. Mailed submission of an **Official Transcript** of all academic work to be sent directly from your school to the Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, enclosed in a sealed envelope from a school official.
3. Electronic submission of a copy of your **SAT** or **ACT** scores. (Not Mandatory)
4. Electronic submission of a 1000 – 1500 word, well organized, typewritten essay
5. Electronic submission of **three (3) recommendations** (forms attached):
 - i. One personal recommendation (not a family member)
 - ii. One recommendation from a teacher who has taught you an academic subject.

- iii. One recommendation from a counselor, administrator, club sponsor, job coordinator, coach, or community leader.

SELECTION OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS AND NOTICE TO APPLICANTS

Consideration will be given to academic standing, essay, honors and awards, extracurricular activities and financial need. The students selected for awards will be notified in June.

DISBURSEMENT OF AWARDS

The scholarships will be dispersed to the college or university under the following conditions:

1. The recipient submits a letter indicating admission to a four-year institution to the Chairman of the Scholarship Committee
2. The recipient forwards verification of acceptance and registration to the Chairman of the Scholarship Committee.

APPLICATION PACKET CHECKLIST

- _____ **Scholarship Application (electronic)**
- _____ **Official Transcript (sealed and mailed)**
- _____ **Copy of your SAT or ACT scores (electronic)**
- _____ **Three (3) Recommendations, (electronic)**
- _____ **Typewritten Essay (electronic)**
- _____ **Make certain your name is on all attachments**

Appendix B
(Example of Essay Evaluation Sheet)

ESSAY EVALUATION SHEET

I. SUBSTANCE

- _____ Relevance to Purpose of the Paper
- _____ Controlling Idea: Unifies all major parts
- _____ Quantity of evidence/information: Is there enough?
- _____ Quality of evidence/information: Is it credible?
- _____ Objectivity: Does it address likely objections of questions?
- _____ Logic: Does the reasoning support the conclusion?

II. ORGANIZATION

Introduction:

- _____ Statement of the purpose: Is it precise, complete, and vivid?
- _____ Attention step: Does it create interest?
- _____ Announcement of parts: Does the reader know what to expect?

Main Body/Major Parts:

- _____ Major parts: Are they defined and simple?
- _____ Sequencing: Is it effective for purpose and audience?
- _____ Focus: Does each part have a subordinate controlling idea?
- _____ Transitions: Evident between parts and sentences?

Conclusion:

- _____ Restatement of controlling idea?
- _____ Closing: in concert with introduction? no new information?

III. STYLE

Coherence

- _____ Paragraphs: Are they unified? Is there logical flow? Is there enough detail?
- _____ Sentence Structure: Makes sense? Provides emphasis? Shows variety?
- _____ Word Choice: precision?

Efficiency

- _____ Paragraphs: Are they too long or short?
- _____ Sentences: Are they concise?
- _____ Words: Are they straightforward?
- _____ Voice: Have active/passive voices been used correctly?

IV. CORRECTNESS

- _____ Grammar
- _____ Spelling
- _____ Punctuation
- _____ Documentation: consistent throughout the paper

FAMILY DATA

	Father/Male Guardian	Mother/Female Guardian
Name	Type Here	Type Here
Occupation/Title		
Employer		

	Brothers	Sisters
Number of		
Age(s)		

SCHOOL COURSES, ACTIVITIES, AND EXPERIENCES

List Advanced Placement (AP), honors courses, and internships you have participated in that are related to your academic or career interest.

Course of Program	Dates	Grade Earned
AP History		A
AP Calculus		A

List school and community activities in which you have participated, such as varsity and club sports, scouting, church groups, and student government. Include memberships in Honor Society, Beta Club, and volunteer activities.

Activity	Offices Held	Dates of Participation

List jobs you have held in the past three years.

Job or Kind of Work	Employer	Year of School	Date(s) of Employment	Hours per Week

List any honors, awards, and/or special recognition you have received over the last year.

List honors here

RECOMMENDATIONS

All scholarship candidates need three (3) statements of personal recommendations are required to support your application.

- Instructor or school official who is familiar with your academic work.
- Adult (non-relative) who can write about your community service work and/or give a personal character reference.
- Counselor, administrator, club sponsor, job coordinator, coach, or community leader.

CERTIFICATION

I affirm that all information given is true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge. I fully understand that any misrepresentation, incorrect or incomplete information will lead to disqualification for and forfeiture of any scholarship grant. I further understand that funds awarded to me in the form of a scholarship will be disbursed only if I fully comply with all requirements as set forth by the organization. All materials submitted in the application process will remain the property of The Epsilon Pi Uplift Foundation and the Epsilon Pi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian (Indicating Review)

PARENTAL COMMENTS:

Please send this completed questionnaire, school transcript, recommendation forms, and a high school profile (if available) and forward to the appropriate addresses below.

epiupliftfoundation@gmail.com
Reginald Springfield
Chairman, Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 1128
Brookhaven, PA 19015

ALL application materials *must* be received by **Friday May 10, 2024.**

Appendix D
(Example of Recommendation Form)

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SCHOLARSHIP RECOMMEDATION FORM

TO THE APPLICANT: Complete this portion of the form. Then give the form to one of the individuals who will write a recommendation for you. The Chairman of the Scholarship and has provide the address to which the recommendation is to be sent when completed.

NAME OF APPLICANT

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

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(Continue on additional sheets if necessary)

Recommender's Name (TYPE OR PRINT)

Signature_____

Date_____

Address_____

Tel. # () _____