



**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 (2) monetary grants/scholarships to a graduating and deserving high school senior, be they Male or Female. When possible and as funds are available, granting additional awards will be the goal of the committee.
2. Make attending an HBCU the highest priority.
3. Determine fund raising activities.
  1. Special assessment included with dues
  2. Parties, Cabarets, Raffles
  3. Sponsoring sporting events such as basketball tournaments
  4. Charitable 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, direct communications with high school counselors and administrators, or other outlets deemed useful by the President.
6. Publicize all pertinent information relating to Epsilon Pi Uplift Foundation scholarship participation efforts.
7. The continuance of Epsilon PI Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. scholarship program; impacting several dozens of high school students since its inception, approximately 50 years ago

## **SCOPE**

### **Scholarship**

The Epsilon Pi Uplift Foundation will provide scholarships to graduating high school students who live in Delaware County (PA). Scholarships are meant to provide educational assistance to the children and parents of students who meet the selection criteria. Approximately 50% of the foundation's time and efforts will be spent on this activity. \*

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 scholarships to deserving, graduating high school seniors 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 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. Awards are typically announced in the third week of June.

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. Students must be entering a four-year college or university as a full-time freshman in the fall of the year of the announcement of the scholarship award.

Application procedures include a review of the student's academic record, public service, written essay(s) and recommendations. A screening panel of Foundation members will review, rate, and rank all eligible applications; finalists are recommended to the Foundation. Finalists are accepted by the Foundation and award recipients are chosen. Award recipients are notified, and a Foundation representative may attend the High School's Class/Awards Day program in June for the announcement of the awards.

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

## **Mentoring**

The Epsilon Pi Uplift Foundation will provide leadership and integrity training, career awareness, and self-esteem and manhood development to High School males. The Omega League Mentoring Academy is a program that will be administered by the Epsilon Pi Uplift Foundation for exemplary males during their 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 cultural and educational sites around the country. It is also our hope that the Omega League Academy will be a natural feeder program to the Foundation scholarship initiative.

All members of the Foundation:

- a. will participate in the program and will be spear-headed by the Scholarship and Social Action Committees.
- b. This activity will consume 33% of the fund-raising interests, time and resources of the corporation.
- c. Follow the planned curriculum for the mentoring year, as set by qualified educators and expert contributors.

Appendix A  
(Example of Guidelines)

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

**2025 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 9, 2025**. 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	<b>Type Here</b>	<b>Type Here</b>
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
<b>**AP History**</b>		A
<b>**AP Calculus**</b>		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\*\**

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**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 BY SCHOOL OFFICIAL**

Please review the student's responses, provide the data requested below, and attach an **official** transcript of grades to this questionnaire.

Legal Name																														
Last														First										M						

*Test Scores*

Admission test scores are not required. Instructions for submitting SAT I or ACT scores are printed in each testing program's Registration Bulletin available at your school.

SAT I Test Date  Verbal  Math

SAT I Test Date  Verbal  Math

SAT I Test Date  Verbal  Math

ACT Test Date  Composite Score

ACT Test Date  Composite Score

Class Rank  out of  graduating seniors

Grade Point Average  using a  scale

Anticipated Graduation date Month  Year

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Name of school official \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

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

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

A. Have you applied for any other financial assistance?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

B. Have you been awarded financial aid or scholarship monies?

YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

C. Please write any information or special circumstances that you would like the committee consider with your application. For example, communicate any pertinent or unusual circumstances or information concerning your financial need. (You may attach a separate sheet.)

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*\*\*Any further considerations\*\**  
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**PERSONAL ESSAY**

Discuss why you applied for this scholarship and why you feel you are a good candidate for the award. Type the essay on a separate sheet of paper and attach to the application.

State your position, defend your answer, most importantly, answer the question.

**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

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Signature of Parent/Guardian (Indicating Review)

PARENTAL COMMENTS:

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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](mailto:epiupliftfoundation@gmail.com)  
**Reginald Springfield**  
**Chairman, Scholarship Committee**  
**P.O. Box 1128**  
**Brookhaven, PA 19015**

**ALL** application materials *must* be received by **Friday May 9, 2025.**

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. # ( ) \_\_\_\_\_