



**2026**  
**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. Providing 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 an electronic application packet in response to the Foundation's announcement of the scholarships.

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 residents 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.**

#### **2026 SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION**

##### **OBJECTIVE**

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

##### **ELIGIBILITY**

Eligibility requirements for applicants are as follows:

1. Students must be residents 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 22, 2026**. *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. Electronic submission of an **Official Transcript** of all academic work and reflects your GPA; to be uploaded as a part of the application's submission
3. Electronic submission of your **SAT** or **ACT** scores. (Not Mandatory)
4. Electronic submission of **three (3) personal recommendation letters**; to be uploaded as a part of the application's submission
  - a. One (1) personal recommendation (not a family member)
  - b. One (1) recommendation from a high school academic instructor.
  - c. One (1) recommendation from a counselor, administrator, club sponsor, job coordinator, coach, or community leader.
5. Submission of a 1000 – 1500 word, well organized, **typewritten essay**; to be uploaded as a part of the application's submission
6. Electronic submission of **Photo Release** Form and a digital headshot



## **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 with GPA (electronic)**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **SAT or ACT scores (electronic, not mandatory)**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Three (3) Recommendations, (electronic)**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Typewritten Essay (electronic)**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Digital Photo Release Form (electronic)**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Digital Photo / Headshot (electronic)**



## Appendix B

### ***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 it to the application.

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



Appendix C  
(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? Are there enough details?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 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



Appendix D  
(Example of Recommendation Form)

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

**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.

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**NAME OF APPLICANT**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER**

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(Continue on additional sheets if necessary)

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Recommender's Name (TYPE OR PRINT)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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



**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.*

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Signature of Applicant

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Date

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Signature of Parent/Guardian (Indicating Review)

PARENTAL COMMENTS:  
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**ALL** application materials can be submitted at [www.epsilonpi1973.com](http://www.epsilonpi1973.com) and *must* be received by **Friday May 22, 2026.**