



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.

NAME OF APPLICANT

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER



(Continue on additional sheets if necessary)

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.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian (Indicating Review)

PARENTAL COMMENTS:

ALL application materials can be submitted at www.epsilonpi1973.com and *must* be received by **Friday May 22, 2026.**