



## Historically Black Colleges And Universities Award

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*“The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education.”  
~ Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

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## **Program Overview**

Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) were established to provide an avenue for the higher education of free Blacks and former slaves, who were often denied access to the halls of white institutions. These institutions, more often than not, had fewer material resources, such as textbooks and laboratory supplies; but had an unwavering commitment to the education and advancement of black students. As a result, HBCUs have provided society, black communities in particular, with a slew of professionals: doctors, teachers, lawyers, preachers, scientists, engineers, nurses, social workers and other professionals. Today, HBCUs continue to be an avenue for quality and affordable education for black students as well as students of other races.

As a community of faith, Macedonia Baptist Church supports and encourages matriculation at an HBCU institution. The Macedonia Scholarship Fund Committee offers semester-based scholarship awards (fall and spring semesters) to members of the church who attend an HBCU upon graduation.

While a particular Grade Point Average is not required for high school seniors to initially attain the award, the expectation is clear that the student must be academically capable of successfully completing college courses. This scholarship is intended to reward success and hard work. The committee has the discretion to determine if a student's academic success warrants the continued granting of scholarship funds.

Subsequently, after the close of each semester, recipients must provide a copy of their transcript along with proof of continued matriculation, in order to continue receiving funds. Students are awarded the funds each semester, for up to a maximum of four years or eight semesters of study not to exceed the amount specified by the committee.

These funds may be used to purchase books, assist with college tuition or other items required for college matriculation, such as fees. All checks will be made payable to the HBCU and mailed directly to the institution by the Scholarship Fund Committee, based on intended need or use.

## **Eligibility Criteria**

The HBCU Award is available to active youth student members who exemplify the following characteristics:

1. Academic Achievement - Acceptance to an accredited HBCU institution.
2. Leadership - Serve in a leadership position(s) in school, religious organization, community and/or civic organizations.
3. Character - Serve as a positive role model for their peers through attitude and conduct.
4. Community Service - Exhibit admirable qualities of good citizenship through community/civic volunteerism.
5. Personal Poise - Able to articulate goals, abilities, shortcomings and reasons for pursuing a particular career path.

High school students must submit a copy of course registration by **September 30<sup>th</sup>** in order to receive the award for the first semester of enrollment. Returning college students must submit a copy of their fall semester course registration no later than **September 30<sup>th</sup>**, along with a copy of their transcript from the previous semester; and this information must also be submitted by **January 30<sup>th</sup>** in order to receive the next HBCU Award disbursement for the spring semester; spring course registration and a copy of your transcript from the previous semester.

### **Application Process**

All applications must be postmarked no later than **April 15<sup>th</sup>**. Applications must be signed by both the student and their parent or guardian. When all parts of the application are completed, submit as a package to the Scholarship Fund Committee of Macedonia Baptist Church, 26 Wilson Avenue, Albany, New York 12205. **Late or incomplete application packages will not be considered.**

#### **A complete application package consists of:**

1. Completed, dated and signed application form
2. A copy of letter of acceptance at an HBCU
3. A copy of official high school transcript
4. Resume or Biographical Sketch
5. Three recent letters of recommendation from the following:
  - An individual who is not related to the student and who is not affiliated with the academic institution the student is attending (personal recommendation);
  - The student's Pastor or designee of the religious organization in which the student belongs (e.g., recommendation letters can come from an Associate Pastor, Deacon, ministry chair or member of a church ministry; etc.); and
  - An Academic Advisor, School Counselor, Administrator or Teacher.

#### **All applicants must also submit a typed, double-spaced essay, and answer the following questions:**

1. Why is it important for you to attend and graduate from an HBCU institution (please be specific)?
2. Who is your most admired leader that graduated from an HBCU institution and why (please be specific)?

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**Application**

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name & Address of High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

College/University: \_\_\_\_\_

College/University Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any church, community or extracurricular activities you are involved in. Feel free to attach resume as well.

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Please list school activities you are involved in.

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Please describe your career goals/aspirations.

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I/We agree that I will notify the Scholarship Fund Committee as soon as possible if my status changes and is different from what the criteria stipulates. I/We grant the Macedonia Baptist Church Scholarship Fund Committee permission to publish my name and use excerpts from my personal biographical information submitted in conjunction with annual reports filed and/or newspaper articles published. I also give them permission to use any photographs that may be taken of me as it concerns Macedonia's annual scholarships and awards, the Scholarship Fund website page, and published literature. I/We certify that all statements made by me are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE.**

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Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_ Transcript: \_\_\_\_ Registered: \_\_\_\_ Submitted to Trustees: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Scholarship Reviewer: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Eligibility Criteria**  
**(To Be Completed By School Official)**

**Student must:**

1. Be an active youth member of Macedonia Baptist Church.
2. Be a high school senior and graduating at the end of the current school year.
3. Be enrolled in high school on the date of this application.
4. Have demonstrated talent, character and aptitude for college matriculation.
5. Submit a sealed copy of an “Official School” transcript.
6. Submit a resume or biographical sketch.
7. Submit a copy of an acceptance letter from an accredited two- or four-year college or university.
8. Submit a copy of first semester course registration prior to release of funds.

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**Eligibility Verification  
(Completed by School Official)**

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant's GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name & Title of School Official: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail & Phone Number of School Official: \_\_\_\_\_

**Interpersonal Relationships**

(1) Rate the applicant's relationship with others by assigning the appropriate number in the corresponding boxes.

1 = Outstanding    2 = Average    3 = Below Average    4 = Insufficient Opportunity to Observe

Relationship with students	(    )
Relationship with teachers	(    )
Relationship with other educational professionals	(    )
Community Involvement	(    )

Additional Comment (s) \_\_\_\_\_  
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(2) Please comment on the applicant's involvement in extra-curricular and community activities.

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(3) Please comment on special skills and talents the applicant may possess.

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(4) What is your opinion of the applicant's aptitude and potential to succeed in college?

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Signature of School Official \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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