

# DR. RALPH J. BRYSON ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP FUND APPLICATION

## PART 1: ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. Applicant must attend and/or enrolled as a full-time student (minimal of 12 academic course hours) at Alabama State University at the start of the academic year starting in the month of August. NON-TRANSFERABLE.
2. Applicant must have a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 GPA Scale at time of application submission.
3. Applicant must submit an official academic transcript as supporting documentation.
4. Applicant must provide their official score of the American College Testing (ACT) or Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT). Applicants already enrolled/attending at Alabama State University are exempted from this requirement.
5. Applicant must provide two recommendation letters from their school academic counselor/advisor and instructors. Recommendation letters should include applicant qualifications, character assessment, leadership skills and any other traits to support their eligibility for scholarship award.  
**Special Note: Recommendation letters are prohibited from family members and/or relatives.**
6. Applicant must provide a wallet-size self-photo in business attire.
7. Applicant must write a one-page essay (double spaced) on a pre-selected topic listed in the application.
8. Application and all supporting documentation must be USPS Postmarked by 11:59pm (Central Standard Time) Wednesday, May 3, 2024. Late applications will NOT be accepted, NO EXCEPTIONS!

Mailing Address: The Dr. Ralph J. Bryson Academic Scholarship Committee  
P.O. Box 242831  
Montgomery, AL 36117

Must  
ATTACH  
A  
PICTURE

If available, provide a graduation picture.  
(~~drage~~, tuxedo, graduation cap and  
gown, or suit)

**PART 2: APPLICANT'S INFORMATION:**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
                                LAST                                  FIRST                                  M

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
                                Street                                  City                                  AL                                  Zip Code

TELEPHONE: (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ ACT/SAT Score: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Are you planning to attend and/or enrolled at Alabama State University at the start of the next academic year starting in the month of August? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No. (Special Note: Scholarship is NON-TRANSFERABLE to other education institution of higher learning).
2. What is your planned collegiate major or course of study? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Are you a Registered Voter? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ If yes, include a copy of your Voter's Registration Card with your application. If No, please provide your reason(s) below:

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**PART 3: SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT (List activities starting with your Freshman Year)**

On a separate page, please describe the activities and organizations you are involved with your school. (Use Arial 12 Font or a font similar in size and appearance)

**PART 4: ESSAY**

On a separate page, please type a one-page double spaced essay on one of the topics below. The essay should be well written that demonstrate your understanding of English grammar, syntax, and the overall mechanics/format of an essay. **(Use Arial 12 Font or a font similar in size and appearance)**

- Describe what is meant by “Freedom is not free” in this country and reasons why you embrace this philosophy.
- Explain how the lack of participation in political voting impacts your personal life and strategic outlook.
- Describes what makes you unique and how it may or may not provide you advantages over your peers.
- In his “I Have a Dream” speech, explain Dr. Martin Luther King Jr’s quote, “I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character”.
- Explain the history of the Tulsa race massacre and how it relates to social and economic conditions today.
- How are you unique? (Discuss your background, identity, interest, or talent)

## **PART 5: CAREER PLANS**

On a separate page, titled CAREER PLANS, please share your professional career plans and goals. **(Use Arial 12 Font or a font similar in size and appearance)**

## **PART 6: COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

On separate paper, please share and/or explain your community involvement with local activities and organizations over the past 4 years. Be sure to add the title “**Community Involvement**” at top of page, include the timeframe and location for each activity. **(Use Arial 12 Font or a font similar in size and appearance)**

## **PART 7: FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION**

This section is optional, and applicant should only provide this information if they want their family’s income to be considered in the evaluation and selection process.

1. Number of members in family household \_\_\_\_\_

2. Family Annual Income:

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|---------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Less than \$30,000  | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$50,000 - \$59,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$80,000 - \$89,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$30,000 - \$39,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$60,000 - \$69,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$90,000 - \$99,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$40,000 - \$49,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$70,000 - \$79,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$100,000 plus      | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**PART 8: APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Picture
2. \_\_\_\_\_ 2 Reference Letters
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Essay
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Completion of Application
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Official School Academic Transcript (included or mailed)
6. \_\_\_\_\_ ACT or SAT Official Score Report
7. Mailing Address The Dr. Ralph J. Bryson Academic Scholarship Committee  
P.O. Box 242831  
Montgomery, AL 36117  
DEADLINE: March 24, 2024

**NOTE: Scholarship announcements will be done no later than May 13, 2024.**

Direct inquiries and/or concerns to [info@ralphjbrysonscholarship.com](mailto:info@ralphjbrysonscholarship.com).