

# Epsilon Pi Uplift Foundation



## Scholarship Guidelines

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## 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 monetary scholarships to a graduating and deserving high school senior, be they Male or Female.
2. Make attending an HBCU the highest priority.
3. Determine fund raising activities.
  1. Special assessment included with dues
  2. Dances, Cabarets, raffles
  3. Tournaments such as basketball and others
  4. Contributions - individual and business
4. Establish selection and evaluation procedures to be used.
5. Publicize the availability of awards by the use of radio stations, public TV announcements, newspapers, churches, beauty shops, barber shops, etc.
6. Publicize all pertinent information relating to Epsilon Pi Uplift Foundation scholarship participation efforts.

## **SCOPE**

The Epsilon Pi Uplift Foundation will provide scholarships to graduating high school students who live in Delaware County (PA) and surrounding area. Scholarship awards will be granted annually in the third week of June. The Scholarships are to provide educational assistance to the children and parents of students who meet the selection criteria 50% of the corporation's time will be spent on this activity. \*

The Epsilon Pi Uplift Foundation will provide mentoring, child development and enrichment services to minor residents of the Delaware County and surrounding area. The Omega Academy is a mentoring program that will be administered by The Epsilon Pi Uplift Foundation for underprivileged males between the ages of 9-15. Regular monthly meetings will focus on math, science and technology, English, self-esteem, and leadership training. Funds will be raised to provide college scholarships to participants in the academy. The program will be coordinated by members of the corporation and will comprise 25% of the corporation's time and resources.

The Epsilon Pi Uplift Foundation will provide leadership and integrity training, career awareness, and self-esteem and manhood development to High School Junior and Senior Males. The Omega League is a mentoring program that will be administered by the Epsilon Pi Uplift Foundation for exemplary males in their Junior and Senior 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 educational sites in the Delaware County and surrounding area. It is also our hope that the Omega League will be the natural follow on for our Omega Academy participants.

All members of the:

- a. Foundation will participate in the program and will be spear-headed by the Scholarship and Social Action Committee.
  - b. This activity will consume 25% of the fund-raising activity, time and resources of the corporation.
  - c. Other activities will be planned in the future.
- The Epsilon PI Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. initiated its scholarship program approximately 35 years ago.
  - The major activity of The Epsilon Pi Uplift Foundation in relation to each of these programs will be fund-raising.

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 \$1,000 scholarships to a deserving, graduating high school senior in Delaware County, PA.

The scholarships totaling \$2,000 at minimum; are awarded to students chosen from among those who submit a written application in response to the Foundation's announcement of and call for applications for the aforementioned 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 the second week in May.

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. Student 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 procedures include a review of the student's academic record, SAT or ACT scores, public service and recommendations. A Screening Panel of Foundation members review all applications to determine who meets at least the minimum criteria. Eligible applications are reviewed, rated and ranked by the Panel. The Panel recommends applicants to the Foundation. Upon acceptance by the Foundation, the Panel notifies the scholarship recipients and a representative attends the High School Class/Awards Day program in June for the announcement of the awards.

Recipients must notify the Foundation of enrollment at a university. Upon such notice, the Foundation will release the funds as follows:

- i. The individual scholarships will be awarded in one payment. The payments will be made after notification of enrollment.

Appendix A  
(Example of Guidelines)

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

**YYYY-YYYY 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 application 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 8, 2020**. *There are absolutely no exceptions to this deadline.*

The application procedure includes:

1. Submission of the **Application Form**.
2. Submission of an **Official Transcript** of all academic work to be sent directly from your school the Chairman of the Scholarship Committee or enclosed with the application in a sealed envelope from a school official.
3. Submission of a copy of your **SAT** or **ACT** scores.
4. A 1000 – 1500 word well organized typewritten essay
5. Submission of **three (3) recommendations** (forms are 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**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Official Transcript**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Copy of your SAT or ACT scores**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Three (3) Recommendations (Forms Attached)**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Typewritten Essay**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **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: addresses likely objections of questions?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Logic: reasoning supports conclusion?

**II. ORGANIZATION**

Introduction:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Statement of the purpose: precise? complete? vivid?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Attention step: creates interest?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Announcement of parts: reader knows what to expect?

Main Body/Major Parts:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Major parts: defined and simple?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sequencing: effective for purpose and audience?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Focus: each part has a subordinate controlling idea?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Transitions: between parts? between sentences?

Conclusion:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Restatement of controlling idea?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Closing: in concert with introduction? no new information?

**III. STYLE**

Coherence

- \_\_\_\_\_ Paragraphs: unified? logical flow? sufficient detail?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sentences: sense? emphasis? variety?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Words: precise?

Efficiency

- \_\_\_\_\_ Paragraphs: length?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sentences: length?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Words: simple? brief?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Voice: active/passive?

**IV. CORRECTNESS**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Grammar
- \_\_\_\_\_ Spelling
- \_\_\_\_\_ Punctuation
- \_\_\_\_\_ Documentation: consistent throughout the paper

Appendix C  
(Example of Scholarship Application)

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

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Legal Name		
Last	First	M

Permanent Home Address
Number and Street

City	State	Zip code
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Home Telephone
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Cell Phone
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E-Mail Address

Date of Birth

Social Security

**Gender**    Male     Female

**US Citizenship**    YES     NO

**EDUCATION**

Name of current high school	Reporting Code
City	State    Zip code

Name and address of the college/university you plan to attend.
City
State    Zip code

Course of Study  
(major field) \_\_\_\_\_

***FAMILY DATA***

	Father/Male Guardian	Mother/Female Guardian
Name		
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

**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







**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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Please send this completed questionnaire, school transcript, recommendation forms, and a high school profile (if available) and forward to the address below.

**Reginald Springfield  
Chairman, Scholarship Committee  
11 Ridge Road, #400  
Brookhaven, PA 19015**

**ALL application materials *must* be received by Friday May 8, 2020.**

Appendix D  
(Example of Recommendation Form)

**The Epsilon Pi Uplift Foundation  
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**

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**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. # (    ) \_\_\_\_\_