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Altamonte Springs (FL) Chapter



2025 College Scholarship Application Deadline: March 1, 2025

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The **Altamonte Springs, Florida, Chapter of The Links, Inc.**, is pleased to announce our 2025 Scholarship Program for female graduating seniors who plan to attend a Historically Black College or University (HBCU) full time in Fall 2025. This scholarship will provide financial support to a young African-American female in the Central Florida community who has demonstrated excellence in academics, participation in extracurricular activities and community involvement.

The following guidelines explain the application submission and selection process. Qualifying applications must be electronically submitted or mailed in complete form by Saturday, March 1, 2025.

Scholarship Eligibility Requirements

This is a competitive scholarship in the amount of \$750 or more, available to one or more African-American female candidates. Eligible candidates must meet the following criteria:

- 2024 Central Florida female high school senior with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or above.
- Enrolling in an accredited, post-secondary HBCU institution as a full-time student for the fall term 2025-2026.
- Demonstrated achievement through extracurricular and community activities.
- Complete application packet as instructed and submit (online) or postmarked by **Saturday, March 1, 2025**.

Application Packet

Application packets can be downloaded as follows:

- Go to: <https://altamontspringslinks.org>
- Select "Downloadable Application"
- Download and complete application packet to include:

Application Requirements:

1. **Essay:** A 500-word essay, typewritten, double-spaced on the topic: **Why do you want to attend an HBCU, and how will it help you pursue your career/ community goals?**

2. **Student Biography and Photo:** Submit a 100-word statement about yourself, including future professional goals. Also, submit a photo of yourself in jpeg format at 300 dpi resolution quality or better. **This can be your Yearbook photo or a headshot photo (in dress attire).** Send to: aslinksscholar@gmail.com.

3. Your **signature** on the application grants the Altamonte Springs, Florida, Chapter of The Links, Inc., permission to publish your name, picture, scholarship amount, and personal biographical information.

4. **Transcript:** An official electronic high school transcript with cumulative grade point average.

5. **SAT/ACT Scores:** A copy of your SAT and/or ACT scores reported on the official electronic high school transcript.

6. **Letters of Recommendation:** Submit at least two (2) letters of recommendation from a high school counselor, employer, church leader, community leader, mentor, etc. The individual should include in the letter how long they have known the applicant and in what capacity. **Letters from family members will not be accepted.**

Submittal Requirement

- **Submission of Application:** Qualifying applications must be either electronically submitted or postmarked in complete form by Saturday, March 1, 2025. **Hand-delivered packets by applicants given to an Altamonte Springs Links member will not be accepted.**
- Email completed application packet to aslinksscholar@gmail.com or mail completed application packet to:
Altamonte Springs Chapter of the Links Scholarship Committee, 836 Kazaros Circle, Ocoee, Florida, 34761

Scholarship Award Process

Selection Methodology: The Scholarship Committee will review all submittals for completeness and clarity of the information provided. Essays and autobiographies will then be reviewed for content and the thoughtfulness described within. Grades, records, service, and other activities will be associated with each applicant to display the total involvement of each applicant.

Scholarship Award: If selected to receive the scholarship, the applicant will be notified via the email provided on the application by May 2, 2025. Applicants who are not selected to receive a scholarship will also be notified via email. **THE DECISION BY THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE IS FINAL.**

Receipt of the Scholarship: Upon completion of college registration and enrollment in classes, the student must submit an enrollment schedule issued by the HBCU's Registrar's Office. The scholarship check will be mailed directly to the student at the mailing address provided in the "**student information**" section of the scholarship application unless otherwise notified (by email).

* Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Scholarship Application

Name:
Street Address:
City, State, Zip:
Phone:
Date of Birth:
Email:
Employer / Number of Hours:
Mother's Name:
Address (<i>if different from applicant</i>)
Street Address:
City, State, Zip:
Phone:

Email:
Employer
Occupation
Father's Name:
Address (if different from applicant)
Street Address:
City, State, Zip:
Phone:
Email:
Employer:
Occupation:
Guardian Name:
Address (if different from applicant)
Street Address:
City, State, Zip:
Phone:
Email:
Employer:
Occupation:
Applicant High School Name, City, County:
Graduation Date:
GPA:
Attach or mail Official High School Transcript
ACT Score(s):
SAT Score(s):
Counselor's Name:
Counselor's Phone #:
Counselor's Email:

Attach or mail 2 Letters of Recommendation

List Extracurricular / Volunteer Activities, Positions held:

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

Honors and Awards

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

HBCU(s) applied to:

Name/ City, State

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

Study Major/ Field of Interest(s):

500-word essay: Why do you want to attend an HBCU, and how will it help you pursue your career/ community goals?

***Can attach separately**

To the Altamonte Springs, Florida, Chapter of The Links, Inc., and others as defined by the Scholarship Committee:

1. I certify that the information presented on this application is truthful and complete to the best of my knowledge,
2. I further understand that withholding information requested on this form or knowingly providing false information will make me ineligible for consideration of the scholarship being awarded,
3. I grant full publishing rights to use and/or publish information provided in my application package (name, picture, personal bio, and scholarship amount),
4. I further understand that this Scholarship award will be announced at the local high school's award program.
 - The decision of the Scholarship Committee is final.
 - Awarded funds will be released to the recipient upon written verification of full-time (12 credit hours minimum) enrollment from the institution.

Applicant's Signature and Date

Parent/Guardian Signature (if applicant is under 18) and Date