

# ASCENT EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION



**2023- 2024**

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PACKET**

## Organizational History

The Ascent Educational Foundation (AEF) organized in September 2018. AEF is headquartered in Decatur, GA and is a 501(c)(3) organization. AEF is the philanthropic arm of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, the Sigma Mu Zeta Chapter, Stone Mountain, GA. The primary purpose of organizing is to assist youth in the community prepare for and finance a collegiate education.

## Ascent Educational Foundation Scholarship Program

Scholarship is one of four principles of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated and the Foundation was created to honor that principle. AEF distinguishes itself by offering scholarships to students attending traditional and non-traditional educational programs. AEF also presents programs to assist students and parents in their transition to secondary education.

### Guidelines

Applicants can be male or female and must be a graduating high school senior from an accredited high school in Dekalb County, Gwinnett County, Rockdale County, Henry County, Clayton County, Fulton County, Atlanta Public Schools and Decatur City Schools in the state of Georgia.

- All materials listed in this packet must be submitted at the same time.
- All materials must be postmarked by **March 10, 2024** deadline.
- Incomplete or late applications **will not** be considered.
- Only one copy of required materials is necessary. **Do not staple your application materials. Please use paper clips only.**
- Mandatory interviews will be required prior to final selections. Participation in the interview process does not guarantee a final award decision.
- GPA listed 2.75 or higher
- Essay of minimal 250 words and maximum 500.

*\*\*The names of recipients of scholarships administered by AEF will be listed in the annual report, on the website, and may be included in other promotional materials.*

**Please select what scholarship you are applying for:**

Traditional Scholarship ( 4 year college/ university) \_\_\_\_

Technical Scholarship ( Trade school) \_\_\_\_

# Scholarship Application

## General Information

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

Applicant's Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## School Information

Name of High School: \_\_\_\_\_

CORE GPA (must be 2.75 or better on a 4.0 scale): \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach a resume that must include:

1. Honors or special recognition(s) you have received for your schoolwork or extra-curricular activities.
2. Names of clubs, organizations and/or community activities (scouts, youth groups, church involvement, etc.). Include dates of service/participation and any office(s) you may have held. Have you been accepted to a college/university? If so, please list below:

**Mandatory Essay Question: (minimal 250 and maximum 500 words, double spaced )**

**Tell us about a contribution or a service you have made to your community and why is it important.**

1. Mandatory Essay
2. A letter of recommendation from a school official on official letterhead
3. A personal (non-family) letter of recommendation such as pastor, community service partner, or mentor
4. An official High School transcript. Must be sealed or the application will be disqualified.
5. Individual photo or graduation photo (**Selfies are unacceptable**). Photos will not be returned and may be used for advertising. The attached photo release must be signed by the applicant or the guardian if the applicant is below the age of 18.
6. Resume'
7. SAT or ACT - If you have taken the SAT and/or ACT, please provide a copy of those test scores. You only need to submit one, not both.

**Photo Release Authorization**

If the applicant is below the age of 18, a parent or guardian must sign the attached photo release below:

I \_\_\_\_\_, the parent or legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ (Student) grant **Ascent Educational Foundation** my permission to use the enclosed photograph (headshot) for any legal use, including but not limited to: publicity, print advertising and/or web content. Furthermore, I understand that no royalty, fee or other compensation shall become payable to me by reason of such use.

Parent/Guardian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Name (Please Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Information Certification: (Initial Each Line)**

- I meet the eligibility requirements for each scholarship for which I am applying.
- The application is complete.
- The information on this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.
- The essay I submit is my original work.
- By signing this form, I authorize Ascent Educational Foundation to use this application and any supporting documents for promotional purposes.

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Signature If under 18, parent/guardian must sign: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN: March 10, 2024**  
KEEP A COPY OF THE APPLICATION AND ALL ATTACHMENTS FOR YOUR RECORDS

**MAIL THE COMPLETED APPLICATION AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS TO:**

Ascent Educational Foundation  
P.O. Box 360727  
Decatur, GA. 30036