



Rudolph W. Snowden Memorial Scholarship Fund, Inc.

RWSMSF

Application Package

SCHOLARSHIP INSTRUCTIONS

PURPOSE

Statistics indicate that the African American male is the least represented of the groups and racial genders attending colleges and universities, and they are also the least likely to graduate. Mu Nu Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. established the Rudolph W. Snowden Memorial Scholarship Fund, Inc. (RWSMSF) in March 1978 to help address this disparity. The two main objectives of RWSMSF are: 1.) to increase the number of African-American males attending colleges and universities; and, 2.) to preserve [Historically Black Colleges & Universities](#) (HBCUs). RWSMSF annually considers a limited number of scholarships offered to qualified African American males who are Montgomery County Public School (Maryland), high school graduating seniors seeking/pursing a bachelor's degree from an HBCU.

Scholarship awards are subject to available RWSMSF funding. Eligible applicants must apply by May 1st and selected awardees will be notified of their selection by June 15th. Scholarship awards generally range from \$1,000 to \$5,000. A selected awardee must provide proof of HBCU enrollment prior to RWSMSF release of award funds, which the award recipient may then apply to tuition or other school expenses.

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

In keeping with the primary purposes of RWSMSF, eligible applicants are considered from those who are/have:

- African American male, Montgomery County Public School (Maryland) high school graduating seniors;
- Seeking a bachelor's degree from an HBCU; **and**,
- A 3.0 or better GPA on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must submit an RWSMSF *Application Package* either: 1.) by *email* to info@rwsmsf.org by May 1st; or, 2.) by *postal mail* that is postmarked by May 1st. Use the following checklist is provided to assist applicants with preparing a complete submission.

- ☐ A completed, signed and dated RWSMSF *Application Package* that includes both the *Scholarship Application* and the *Photo Release*;
- ☐ A quality color photograph – head and shoulders shot – in at least a dress shirt and tie, with an optional suit jacket or sport coat;
- ☐ An official transcript;
- ☐ A copy of ACT and/or SAT score;
- ☐ At least two (2) academic recommendations on school letterhead, signed and dated with the school official's title and contact information included (e.g., principal, teacher, coach, counselor);
- ☐ At least one (1) community recommendation, signed and dated, with the community official's position and contact information included (e.g., pastor, job supervisor, mentor); and,
- ☐ A typed, signed and dated narrative – not more than two (2) pages in length, double-spaced, 1-inch margins – discussing personal, educational and professional aspirations and life goals that demonstrates your written communication skills.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

INSTRUCTIONS: *Read carefully and check your application and supporting information to ensure accuracy and completeness.* Applications must be typed or printed legibly, and must be accompanied by the supporting documentation noted in the *Scholarship Instructions*. Completed applications with supporting documentation must be received either via email by May 1st at info@rwsmsf.org or by postal mail postmarked by May 1st to Rudolph W. Snowden Memorial Scholarship Fund, Inc., P.O. Box 10607, Silver Spring, MD 20914.

I. APPLICANT INFORMATION

Full Name	Age (as of May 1 st)	Phone	Email
Mailing Address			
Parent/Guardian Name	Relationship to You	Phone	Email

II. SCHOOL & COMMUNITY INFORMATION

High School Attending (as of May 1 st)	Years Attended	Graduation Date
HBCU Planning to Attend (the Fall following May 1 st)	Major	Minor (if any)
College/University Status: <i>select one; must provide evidence of acceptance or enrollment</i> ☐ Applied/Pending Acceptance ☐ Accepted ☐ Enrolled		

Extracurricular Activities & Organizational Memberships: Summarize your activities and memberships over the last 4 years, and identify any leadership roles and how long you were in each role (e.g., Class President/Senior & Junior yrs., National Honor Society 3 yrs., Varsity Track 2 yrs./Captain 1 yr.)

III. APPLICANT SIGNATURE & DATE

Signature (<i>sign electronically, digitally or via pen & ink – DO NOT type your name</i>)	Date
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PHOTO RELEASE

I (check one) ☐ **do** / ☐ **do not** hereby grant permission to the Rudolph W. Snowden Memorial Scholarship Fund, Inc. (RWSMSF) to use photographs of me/my child (Student/Applicant) that were provided for to RWSMSF for use in publications, news releases, online, and in other communications related to the mission of RWSMSF.

Signature *(sign electronically, digitally or via pen & ink – DO NOT type your name)*

Date

Check here ☐ if a Parent/Guardian signing above for Applicant/Student under the age of 18 years.

Applicant/Student Name

Parent/Guardian Name

Mailing Address

Email Address

Home Phone

Cell Phone

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