

SSUNAA Atlanta Downtown Chapter
Scholarship Committee
PO Box 491
Lovejoy, GA 30250

May 1, 2018

RE: Opportunity for an Academic Scholarship to Savannah State University

Greetings,

As the excitement of High School Graduation approaches, so does the timeline to finalize preparations for college. Preparing for this next phase requires both mental and financial planning. The scholars have done the initial work and now it is time to begin to reap some of the rewards. The Savannah State University National Alumni Association (SSUNAA) Atlanta Downtown Chapter is interested in assisting talented, aspiring students with their educational goals.

Annually, the SSUNAA Atlanta Downtown Chapter awards scholarships to academically talented students in the metro Atlanta area who have been accepted for admission to SSU. The metro Atlanta area includes Fulton, Clayton, Henry, DeKalb, Gwinnett, Douglas and Cobb counties. The applicant must be graduating from an accredited high school or equivalent homeschool curriculum and meet the scholarship criteria. The criteria, details of the process, and application are attached. **The application period begins May 1st. The complete application package must be postmarked by June 15th** in order for the application to be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee.

The amount of each scholarship is based on the chapter's available funds and the student's financial needs. This is a revolving scholarship meaning that reapplication is allowed by each of our existing recipients. It has been our pleasure to support many of our talented and gifted scholars for four consecutive years and to salute them in receiving their degrees.

This is a financial option that should not be overlooked by a potential SSU Tiger. Please share this information with interested parents and students. Best wishes and congratulations to the graduating class of 2018!

Sincerely,

Scholarship Committee
SSUNAA Atlanta Downtown Chapter



SAVANNAH STATE UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ATLANTA DOWNTOWN CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

MISSION STATEMENT

The Savannah State University Scholarship program seeks to enhance the image of the institution while broadening the scope and purpose of the alumni association and its connection with the University. The main purpose is to provide a deserving student with financial assistance and opportunities to attend the University and to attract academically talented students.

AMOUNT OF AWARD

The scholarship is awarded annually and the amount may vary. The scholarship may cover expenses including but not limited to tuition, fees, and book allowances along with room and board. The scholarship is normally for one year, but may be extended for additional years.

ELIGIBILITY PROFILE

- Candidates must be an entering freshman who legally resides in the metropolitan Atlanta area.
- Candidates who reside outside of the metropolitan Atlanta counties of Fulton, Clayton, Henry, DeKalb, Gwinnett, Douglas and Cobb must be a referral from a member of the Atlanta Downtown Chapter.
- **Recipients** of the Atlanta Downtown Chapter Scholarship from the **previous academic year may reapply**.
- **Grade Point Average For Entering Freshman:** Scholarships are made on the basis of high school academic record and qualifying scores from either the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or the American College Test (ACT). The student must possess the following:
 - (1) \geq B or 3.0 cumulative GPA
 - (2) Minimum combined SAT Reasoning score of **950** on the Critical Reading and Mathematics sections with a minimum score of:
 - \geq **470** in Critical Reading
 - \geq **460** in Mathematics*The remaining 20 points may be obtained in either of the above test categories.*
 - (3) \geq 20 composite ACT if SAT scores are not available

- **Grade Point Average for Previous Recipients:** Scholarship recipients who wish to continue receiving the scholarship during their sophomore, junior, and senior years are eligible to reapply. Such candidates must complete the application form and provide GPA verification via the SSU Registrar's office. A returning scholar must maintain at least a 3.0 collegiate GPA and be in good standing with the university. Returning recipients are exempt from writing the 500-word essay and from providing the letters of recommendation referenced below.

Career/Degree Sought: There are no restrictions as to the field of study. However, the student must aspire to rise to the top of whatever field chosen. Also, the degree must be within the available selection of degrees offered by Savannah State University.

HOW TO APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP AS AN ENTERING FRESHMAN

Complete a scholarship application, provide an official copy of your academic transcript including proof of SAT / ACT scores, provide the required letters of recommendation, and submit a 500-word essay. The essay should include a brief description of your academic strengths, career objectives and other significant events in your life. Also include a detailed statement of why you are applying for a scholarship along with an explanation of your desire to attend Savannah State University.

In addition to the application and the essay, you must provide two letters of recommendation from persons familiar with you. The references must include one academic source such as your assigned guidance counselor. The additional letter may be submitted from a community, civic or church organization and must clearly state the name of the organization with contact information and your relationship to the writer.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- The Scholarship Committee will review all qualified applications. Based on the content of the application packages, the panel will select five finalists.
- The top **five** finalists must appear before the scholarship panel for an interview.
- The top **five** finalists must provide proof of financial need such as W-2 forms. (Content will remain confidential.)
- Candidates who are confirmed as scholarship recipients receive written notification of the award amount and its target distribution date to SSU.
- Scholarship recipients must maintain good standing with the university.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Please submit the scholarship application, the essay, a copy of your current transcript and two letters of recommendation to:

SSUNAA Atlanta Downtown Chapter
Scholarship Committee
Attn: Vanessa Henderson
P.O. Box 491
Lovejoy, GA 30250

IMPORTANT DATES

Applications are accepted between **May 1 and June 15 annually**. The completed application package **MUST** be **postmarked** by June 15 of the application year.

Application Package Checklist

_____ **Official** transcript providing GPA at the conclusion of the academic year;
SAT / ACT scores are required of Entering Freshmen ONLY

_____ 500 – word essay as outlined in the application process document
(Entering Freshmen ONLY)

_____ Two letters of recommendation as outlined in the application process document **(Entering Freshmen ONLY)**

_____ A completed Application for Scholarship Form

Atlanta - Downtown Chapter
Savannah State University
National Alumni Association

Application for Scholarship
Deadline Date: June 15, 2018

Name _____

Current Address (line 1) _____ Date of Birth _____

Address (line 2) _____ Last 5 Digits of SSN _____

Telephone# (home) _____ (school) _____

Cell Phone# _____ Email Address _____

Parent/Guardian _____

Permanent Address (*if different from current*)

Address (line 1) _____

Address (line2) _____

***** New Applicants ONLY Section *****

Name of High School _____

Address of High School (City & State) _____

Name of Guidance Counselor _____

Grade Point Average _____ SAT / ACT Score _____

Honors, Awards, or Recognitions _____

School Activities _____

Other Activities (Community, Religious etc.) _____

Proposed Major _____ Classification _____

I certify that the information provided is true and correct.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date: ___/___/___

Parents' / Guardian's Signature _____ Date: ___/___/___