



National Hairston Clan, Inc.

2025 JOHN W. HAIRSTON JR., MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Application Instructions & Procedures

DEADLINE DATE: AUGUST 18, 2025

DATE: MAY 9, 2025

You MUST READ and Follow Application Instructions & Procedures

(Please Print Legible or Type)

ELIGIBILITY

- HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS, COLLEGE AND OTHER STUDENTS ATTENDING A Two or Four-Year College, DURING THE 2025-2026 ACADEMIC YEAR (FALL 2025 – SPRING 2026).
- COLLEGE GRADUATE (Post Baccalaureate) STUDENTS AND THOSE HAVING AN Initial Undergraduate Degree ARE NOT ELIGIBLE.
- MUST BE ATTENDING AN ELIGIBLE Two or Four-Year College ON FULL-TIME BASIS, DURING THE 2025-26 ACADEMIC YEAR (Fall 2025 – Spring 2026).
- MUST BE AN U.S. CITIZEN OR ELIGIBLE NON-CITIZEN.
- MUST HAVE A MINIMUM 'GPA' OF 2.6. ("MERIT-BASED PROGRAM"). *(1)*
- RECIPIENTS FROM PREVIOUS YEARS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE (ONE-TIME ONLY AWARD).
- SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS ARE NOT RENEWABLE.
- IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS OF "EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS" ARE NOT ELIGIBLE

HOW TO APPLY

- ❖ Complete the "2025 JOHN W. HAIRSTON, JR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION" (Page 2), and submit to the Scholarship Committee, with the following documents:
- ❖ Most recent High School or College Grade Transcript (GPA): MUST be OFFICIAL * Based on 4.0 *(1)* Grading Scale /Unweighted. (MUST BE PROPERLY SIGNED BY SCHOOL/COLLEGE, OR VALID SEAL AFFIXED).
- ❖ 2024 FEDERAL INCOME TAX RETURN; W-2 FORM, 1099 FORM; or other Official Income Verification. *(2)*
(Tax Return MUST be signed by the Filer, or I.D. of Tax Preparer).
- ❖ 'ESSAY' stating "WHY YOU ARE APPLYING FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP", on separate sheet *(3)*
(MUST BE 700 WORDS OR MORE: TYPED, AUTHENTIC & MUST BE SIGNED BY APPLICANT).
- ❖ Submit completed application and all required documents, on or before AUGUST 18, 2025
(Postmark will establish Deadline compliance.)

Forward to: **Lawrence Bethea, Acting Chairperson** (908) 517-3738
115 Sassafras Dr
Lumberton, NJ 08048 info@nationalhairstonclan.org

SELECTION & AWARDS

- ✓ MERIT BASED PROGRAM - PRIMARY CRITERIA: (ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT, NOT AN ENTITLEMENT PROGRAM).
- ✓ ALL APPLICATION DATA IS CLOSELY REVIEWED BY THE COMMITTEE TO SELECT AWARD RECIPIENTS.
- ✓ RECIPIENT SELECTIONS MADE BY THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE ARE FINAL.
- ✓ SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS ARE RECOMMENDED TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR APPROVAL.
- ✓ SELECTED RECIPIENTS ARE NOTIFIED (IN WRITING) BY THE CHAIRPERSON, ON A TIMELY BASIS.
- ✓ RECIPIENTS' COLLEGE ENROLLMENT MUST BE CERTIFIED BY (AUTHORIZED) COLLEGE OFFICIAL TO DISTRIBUTE FUNDS.

Any questions MUST be referred to the Chairperson immediately, in accordance with program deadline, August 18, 2025. You MUST Complete & Sign Application etc., as Required. (Incomplete Applications WILL NOT Be Considered.)

LAWRENCE BETHEA, Acting Chairperson info@nationalhairstonclan.org (908) 517-3738

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2025 APPLICATION

DATE: _____

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(PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLE OR TYPE)

- 1. Name: (Mr./Ms./Mrs.): (Last) _____ (First) _____ (M.I.) _____
2. Applicant's Social Security Number: XXX-XX - _____ (Last four only)
3. Home Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
4. Telephone: (Area Code) (_____) _____ - _____
EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ (print clearly)
5. Applicant's Birth Date: Month: _____ Day: _____ Year: _____ Age: _____
6. Parent(s) [Custodial Parent(s)]: _____
7. How many persons are in your Household (PARENTS & DEPENDENTS)? _____
8. Are you a previous (past) year recipient of this scholarship? Yes () No ()
(Past Recipients are NOT ELIGIBLE; See Program Instructions on Page 1).
9. Graduated High School (Diploma or GED) ? Yes () No ()
10. Are you currently attending college? Yes () No (); If Yes, Name & Address of College: _____

- 11. Will you be enrolled in college on a Full-Time basis, during the 2025-26 Academic Year.
(Fall 2025 - Spring 2026)? (YES () NO ()
12.* What is your Grade Point Average (GPA)? Minimum 2.6 and MUST submit "OFFICIAL GRADE TRANSCRIPT". *{1}*
(Transcript MUST be a 4.0 GRADING SCALE, UNWEIGHTED AND OFFICIALLY SIGNED BY SCHOOL OR 'SEAL' AFFIXED): _____
13.* What was your 2024 HOUSEHOLD INCOME (Student and Parent[s])? \$ _____ *{2}*
(Attach copy of Parent[s] & Applicant's 2024 FEDERAL TAX RETURN, or other "Documentation Verifying Income".)
14.* 'ESSAY': "WHY YOU ARE APPLYING TO THE 2025 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM", 700 TYPED WORDS OR MORE. *{3}*
(On a separate sheet, MUST be AUTHENTIC/ORIGINAL; and 'SIGNED' BY APPLICANT).

- 15. Who referred you to the 2025 Scholarship Program? (If Applicable) _____
16.* I have read and understand the Application Instructions & Procedures. (Must be Checked): _____
(Questions MUST be referred to the Committee Chairperson* immediately, in accordance with DEADLINE.) AUGUST 18, 2025

* APPLICANT SIGNATURE: _____ Date: _____

Application & All Required Documents Must be Received (or Postmarked) by the Committee, on/or before AUGUST 18, 2025
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