



National Hairston Clan, Inc.

2026 JOHN W. HAIRSTON JR., MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Application Instructions & Procedures

DEADLINE DATE: **AUGUST 21, 2026**

DATE: **MAY 4, 2026**

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 2026-2027 ACADEMIC YEAR (Fall 2026 – Spring 2027).
- 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 2026-27 ACADEMIC YEAR (Fall 2026 – Spring 2027).
- 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 "2026 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).
- ❖ 2025 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 21, 2026 (Postmark or email date will establish Deadline compliance.)

Send to: **NHC 2026 Scholarship**
115 Sassafra Dr
Lumberton, NJ 08048

(908) 517-3738
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 21, 2026. 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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2026 APPLICATION

DATE: _____

DEADLINE DATE: AUGUST 21, 2026

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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 2026-27 Academic Year.
(Fall 2026 – Spring 2027)? (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 2025 HOUSEHOLD INCOME (Student and Parent[s])? \$_____. *{2}*
(Attach copy of Parent[s] & Applicant's 2025 FEDERAL TAX RETURN, or other "Documentation Verifying Income".)

14.* 'ESSAY': "WHY YOU ARE APPLYING TO THE 2026 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 21, 2026**

* APPLICANT SIGNATURE: _____ Date: _____

Application & All Required Documents Must be Received (or Postmarked) by the Committee, on/or before **AUGUST 21, 2026**

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