

# ALABAMA STATE CONFERENCE OF THE NAACP FOOT SOLDIERS SCHOLARSHIP

#### **PURPOSE**

The Alabama NAACP Foot Soldiers Scholarship is a need-based scholarship opportunity open to graduating Alabama seniors who choose to enroll at an Alabama college or university. Letter of acceptance is required. The Foot Soldiers who marched from Selma to Montgomery developed a quintessential blueprint for people in Alabama and worldwide to have unfettered access to the political process, the educational process, the economic process, the employment process, and the housing process. The AL NAACP and Regions Bank both recognize that small incentives could bridge the gap and make the difference for students who have educational needs.

#### **AWARDS**

In that spirit, we will award two \$3,500 scholarships during our Annual Bridge Crossing Gala on March 3, 2023 in Montgomery, AL, to two Alabama high school seniors who demonstrate the need to receive the scholarship.

Winners will be notified prior to the Gala and they must be present to receive their scholarship

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

- 1. Applicants must attend a school within the state of Alabama.
- 2. Applicants must be a graduating senior.
- 3. Applicants must provide evidence of an acceptance letter to a college or university within the state of Alabama.

Acceptance letter or letter from their high school guidance counselor on official letterhead may be submitted with cover letter and essay below.

4. Essay must be original work and any form of plagiarism will result in an automatic rejection of essay.

#### **APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

- 1. A completed application form. Only completed application forms will be considered.
- 2. Two letters of recommendation with at least one from a teacher or school official at the college level.
- 3. Applicants must submit at a minimum a 500 word, double-spaced, 12 font essay on the following statement: "Throughout the Civil Rights Movement, people gave their lives so everyone could have the right to vote. Yet today,we continue to see new and different challenges to equal access to the polls.

  Why is it important to protect this right?" Essay must be original work and any form of plagiarism will result in an automatic rejection of essay.
- 4. Applicants must also provide evidence that they have been accepted into an Alabama college of their choice. Acceptance letter or letter from their high school guidance counselor on official letterhead may be submitted with cover letter and essay below.

All four of the above items must be submitted before the application will be considered.

Please send the completed application and essay to the following email address: info@alnaacp.org or you can mail the documents to P.O. Box 866 Athens, AL 35612

Deadline to apply for the Foot Soldiers Scholarship is February 10, 2023.

Please feel free to contact the Alabama NAACP at 256-444-1300 if you have any additional questions.

### FOOT SOLDIER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

## A. General Information Applicant First Name \_\_\_\_\_Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Address City \_\_\_\_\_State\_\_\_\_\_Zip/Postal Code \_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_\_Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Address of School City \_\_\_\_\_\_State \_\_\_\_\_Zip/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Country of Citizenship **B.** Education Information School Applicant will attend next fall Department and Major\_\_\_\_\_ Expected Graduation Date **Extracurricular Activities** What was your grade point average last semester (A=4.0)? What is your cumulative grade point average (A=4.0)?