***Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.***

***Alpha Upsilon Lambda Chapter***

***P.O. Box 6058***

***Montgomery, Alabama 36106-6058***

***2023 Percy L. Blackmon, Jr. Memorial Scholarship***

***Application***

*The Percy L. Blackmon, Jr., Memorial scholarship is given in honor of Brother Percy L. Blackmon, Jr... Brother Blackmon graduated with honors from Alcorn State University with a Bachelor’s degree in Mathematics and continued his higher education by obtaining a Master’s degree in Public Administration from Auburn University Montgomery.*

*Brother Blackmon served as an active member of the United States Army National Guard for thirty-seven (37) years retiring at the rank of Colonel.*

*Brother Percy Blackmon faithfully served the citizens of Alabama for thirty-nine (39) years as an employee, retiring as the District Manager of the Social Security Administration office in Selma, Alabama.*

*Brother Percy L. Blackmon, Jr. truly embodied the words from the Fraternity’s hymn: “Manly deeds, scholarship, and love for all mankind.”*

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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STATE: \_\_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE #\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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GUARDIAN(S) NAME(S): (If applicable): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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# OF SISTERS AND BROTHERS ATTENDING COLLEGE: \_\_\_\_\_\_

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CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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CRITERIA: THE STUDENT MUST: (1) Must be a First-Generation College Student that means you are the first person in your immediate family to attend a four-year University/College; (2) Attend an HBCU College/University; and/or (3) Major in a Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) curriculum.

1. Be a 2023 high school graduate with a minimum 2.5 GPA.

2. Have a minimum ACT score of 18 or an equivalent or SAT score of 860. (Waived for 2023).

3. Provide information regarding financial need.

4. Provide a copy of the official college/university unconditional acceptance letter.

5. Apply for only one Alpha Upsilon Lambda (AUL) Scholarship.

DOCUMENTATION:

1.A completed application, picture, and resume.

2. A one-page essay paralleling your life’s characteristics with those of the life of Bro. Percy L. Blackmon, Jr.

3. Four (4) Letters of recommendation: One from each of the following non-family members:

(a) Teacher, Counselor or School Administrator

(b) Member of your Community

(c) Member of your Church

(d) An active member of the Alpha Upsilon Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha, Fraternity, Inc.

4. An official copy of the high school transcript

5. An official copy of a letter indicating unconditional admittance to a regionally accredited college or university.

Please ensure delivery of the application and supporting documents via U.S. Postal Services and email no later than March 9, 2023, to:

**Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.**

**Alpha Upsilon Lambda Chapter College Scholarships**

#### P.O. Box 6058

**Montgomery, AL 36106-6058**

**Attn: Ronald L. Ashley, Sr., Chairman**

**334-201-4338**

[**apaaulscholarships@gmail.com**](mailto:apaaulscholarships@gmail.com)

Biographical Profile

Of

Colonel Percy L. Blackmon, Jr.

United States Army (Retired)

Percy Lee Blackmon, Jr. was born May 16, 1949, in Carroll County, MS to the late Percy Lee Blackmon, Sr. and Leola Green Blackmon. At an early age, Percy accepted Christ as his personal Savior by becoming a member of Jeff Chapel CME Church. His acceptance of a walk with God continued to grow as he and his family always joined and worshiped in local churches wherever they lived.

Having been a member of Clinton Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church since the early 1980’s, Percy served in many capacities including Chairman of the Trustee Board for over ten years. His love for the Church propelled him to become a volunteer janitor and yard maintenance person. Percy was a devout Christian who served whenever or wherever he was needed.

Percy attended Black Hawk School and graduated Valedictorian of the North Vaiden High School class of 1967. He continued his formal education at Alcorn State University (ASU) in Lorman, MS graduating with honors with a B.S. degree in Mathematics in 1971. Later he obtained a Master’s in Public Administration from Auburn University Montgomery. Percy was a scholar who believed that education was key to a successful career path in life.

Percy began his professional career with the Social Security Administration (SSA) as a Claims Representative Trainee in the Greenwood, Mississippi District Office. Shortly after completing technical training, he was drafted by the United States Army but enlisted instead for a two-year tour of duty and returned to the SSA in 1974 in Opelika, Alabama.

In 1977, he was promoted to the Operations Supervisor position in Alexander City, Alabama. Percy loved being a public servant and worked hard to ensure that all whom he served was better off by having crossed his path. Completing a 39-year career, in 2010 Percy retired as the District Manager of the Social Security Administration in Selma, Alabama, leaving a legacy of exceptional service and mentorship of future managers. Percy was a hard worker who shared his knowledge with others, serving as a mentor to many people.

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Percy’s life calling of service continued throughout his military career. He served with pride and honor in the United States Army, Alabama National Guard, and the United States Army Reserves. In 2009, he retired as a Colonel from the United States Army after 37 years of service that included serving as an artillery officer and later as a logistician and operations officer. His active-duty service included tours in Germany, Belgium, and several South American countries including Panama and Honduras. Percy loved his country which propelled him to serve with honor in the military for 37 years.

Percy was taught and accepted that his life purpose was service. He exemplified the quote, *“Service is the rent we pay for being. It is the very purpose of life, and not something you do in your spare time”.*

Over his lifetime, he humbly gave thousands of hours in volunteer service, never seeking public acknowledgement. Service to all mankind was Percy’s way of life as evidenced by his work in every community in which he lived.

His community service included, but not limited to the United States Army Field Artillery Association, Alabama National Guard Officers Association, Military Officers Association of America, April 1865 Society, Kiwanis Club, Alcorn State University Alumni Association, Auburn University Alumni Association, United Way Boards of Director in Alexander City, AL and Montgomery, AL, Boy Scouts of America Board, and a life member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated.

Upon retirement, Percy volunteered to assist the widows of Alpha Upsilon Omega Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity with any yard work, transportation, and other requested services. He also volunteered to help his wife with Meals on Wheels. He regularly called and visited all whom he loved and felt had a need that he could provide. Traveling and visiting new places was his passion, always interested in the history of the places he visited and excited to meet new people.

Percy was the patriarch of the Blackmon Family. Family was the most important thing to him. He modeled his roles as husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, brother, uncle, nephew, cousin, and friend with unconditional love.

He was a supporter, protector, provider, encourager, and when need be, peacemaker or voice of reason. He saw purpose and value in everyone, especially youth; inspiring his nieces, nephews, and all youths to seek an education and strive for greatness. There was no celebration or life-changing event that was too small for Percy; he was always there as the head cheerleader. Percy had a genuine love of family and demonstrated it when mentoring them on life choices or helping them

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when there was a crisis in their lives. He was happiest when he could give rather than receive, often saying what a blessing it was to do for others.

Percy met his best friend and the love of his life, Zenobia “Zee” Lumbus to whom he married October 27, 1971, becoming team, “Percy and Zee”. Over their 42 years of marriage, they were blessed to raise four children and extend their family pride with five grandchildren and one great granddaughter, but always stayed true to their marriage covenant of “one”. Percy was preceded in death by his parents, Percy Lee Blackmon, Sr., and Leola Green Blackmon. He is survived by his wife Zenobia (Zee) Montgomery, AL; children, Jeffrey Blackmon (Tonya) Montgomery, AL, Jennifer Blackmon, Atlanta, GA, Jared Blackmon (Audrey), Atlanta, GA and Victoria Campbell (Jarel) Charlotte, NC; five grandchildren, Odessa, Jeffrey Steven, Courtney, Zoe and Dominic; and one great granddaughter, Makynlee; eleven siblings; Earl G. Blackmon (Janie), Lexington, MS, Lillie Blackmon Sanders (Everett), Natchez, MS, Sheila Blackmon Tyms, Natchez, MS, William Ray Blackmon (Bobbie), Moorehead, MS, Hermon Blackmon, Black Hawk, MS, Denise Blackmon Imar (Benson), Sugarland, TX, Ruby Blackmon Byrd (Demorris), Houston, TX, Vera Westmoland, Vallejo, CA, Sylvia Blackmon-Roberts (Anthony), Lakeland, FL, Lydia Roberta Blackmon, Los Angeles, CA , and Ola Blackmon-McBride (James), Knoxville, TN; three sisters-in-law LaRitza Crear (Michael) Houston, TX, Lourdes Cruz, Sierra Vista, AZ and Allison Blackmon, Greenwood, MS; one uncle, Vance Green, Coila, MS; four aunts Matilda Green, Chicago, IL, Ola Mae Bailey, West, MS, Wornia Mae Wright, Chicago, IL and Minnie Davis, Cleveland, OH, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family members and friends. Percy’s life was additionally enhanced by his long-time friend, Tom Sims (Beverly) and children of his village; Cara Mitchell, Timothy Spraggins, Tasha Feaster, Sterling Huntley, Erica McCullough, and Lee F. Jenkins, III.

Percy never met a stranger and was a devoted friend to many people that he met throughout his lifetime. “Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven. Matthew 5:16

Percy was a natural born leader who led by example.