ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY, INC.

Alpha Upsilon Lambda Scholarships
5114 Eagle Pass Road
Montgomery, AL 36109

2019 PERCY L. BLACKMON SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

This $1,000 annual scholarship is in honor of the late Percy L. Blackmon, Jr., who graduated with honors from Alcorn State University with a degree in Mathematics, and obtained a Master's in Public Administration from Auburn University Montgomery. In 2009, he retired as a Colonel from the United States Army National Guard after 37 years of service. In 2010 after 39 years of service, he retired as the District Manager of the Social Security Administration in Selma, AL.

NAME _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS _____ TELEPHONE #_____

ADDRESS: CITY _____ STATE _____ZIP CODE_____TELEPHONE #_____

MOTHER'S NAME _____FATHER'S NAME _____ GUARDIAN(S) NAME(S) (If applicable) _____

OF SISTERS AND BROTHERS_____; # OF SISTERS AND BROTHERS ATTENDING HIGH SCHOOL_____

OF SISTERS AND BROTHERS ATTENDING COLLEGE_____ COLLEGE NAME(S) _____

HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR _____TELEPHONE #_____E-MAIL_____ TEST RESULTS: ACT___ or

SAT_____GRADE POINT AVERAGE _____ UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE YOU PLAN TO ATTEND_____

COLLEGE MAJOR_____ CAREER_____

AWARDS/HONORS RECEIVED

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CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

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CRITERIA-THE STUDENT MUST:

1. Be a 2018 high school graduate with at least a 2.5 GPA.
2. have a minimum ACT score of 18 or an equivalent or a SAT score of 860
3. Provide information regarding financial need.
4. Be unconditionally admitted to a college or university at a regionally accredited university. Colleges and universities in this area are regionally accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).
5. Not apply for any other AUL Alpha 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 the late Percy L. Blackmon, Jr.
3. 4 Letters of recommendation: one from each of the following non-family members: (a) School counselor, (b) teacher, or school administrator, (c) Community person, (d) Church member
4. A letter of recommendation from a local, active Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Brother affiliated with the Alpha Upsilon Lambda Chapter
5. An official copy of the high school transcript
6. An official copy of a letter indicating unconditional admittance to a regionally accredited college or university

Deliver No later than March 30, 2019, the application and supporting documents to:

Dr. Paul B. Mohr, Sr., 5114 Eagle Pass Road, Montgomery, AL 36109

Voice Mail-(O) 242-2209, (H) 279-7295; E-mail-pmohr@ache.alabama.gov

Scholarship Recipients will be notified by April 22, 2019

COL. PERCY L. BLACKMON, JR., US ARMY (RET.)

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 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 the volunteer janitor and yard maintenance person. Percy was a devout Christian who served whenever or wherever he was need.

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.

Percy's life calling of service continued through 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 has 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 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.