



Rudolph W. Snowden Memorial Scholarship Fund, Inc.

# RWSMSF

*Application Package*

## SCHOLARSHIP INSTRUCTIONS

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### PURPOSE

Statistics indicate that the African American male is the least represented of the groups and racial genders attending colleges and universities, and they are also the least likely to graduate. Mu Nu Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. established the Rudolph W. Snowden Memorial Scholarship Fund, Inc. (RWSMSF) in March 1978 to help address this disparity. The two main objectives of RWSMSF are: 1.) to increase the number of African-American males attending colleges and universities; and, 2.) to preserve [Historically Black Colleges & Universities](#) (HBCUs). RWSMSF annually considers a limited number of scholarships offered to qualified African American males who are Montgomery County Public School (Maryland), high school graduating seniors seeking/pursuing a bachelor's degree from an HBCU.

Scholarship awards are subject to available RWSMSF funding. Eligible applicants must apply by May 1<sup>st</sup> and selected awardees will be notified of their selection by June 15<sup>th</sup>. Scholarship awards generally range from \$1,000 to \$5,000. A selected awardee must provide proof of HBCU enrollment prior to RWSMSF release of award funds, which the award recipient may then apply to tuition or other school expenses.

### APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

In keeping with the primary purposes of RWSMSF, eligible applicants are considered from those who are/have:

- African American male, Montgomery County Public School (Maryland) high school graduating seniors;
- Seeking a bachelor's degree from an HBCU; **and**,
- A 3.0 or better GPA on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent.

### SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must provide a complete and timely submission package either: Applicants must submit an RWSMSF *Application Package* either: 1.) by *email* to [info@rwsmsf.org](mailto:info@rwsmsf.org) by May 1<sup>st</sup>; or, 2.) by *postal mail* that is postmarked by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Use the following checklist to help ensure your application package is complete. A complete application package includes:

- A completed, signed and dated RWSMSF *Application Package* that includes both the *Scholarship Application* and the *Photo Release*;
- A color photograph – head and shoulders shot in at least a dress shirt and tie, with an optional suit jacket or sport coat;
- An official transcript;
- A copy of ACT and/or SAT score;
- At least two (2) academic recommendations on school letterhead, signed and dated with the school official's title and contact information included (e.g., principal, teacher, coach, counselor);
- At least one (1) community recommendation, signed and dated, with the community official's position and contact information included (e.g., pastor, job supervisor, mentor); and,
- A typed, signed and dated narrative – one to two pages in length – discussing your personal and professional aspirations and goals that demonstrates your written communication skills.

## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

**INSTRUCTIONS:** *Read carefully and check your application and supporting information to ensure completeness.* Applications must be typed or printed legibly, and must be accompanied by the supporting documentation noted in the *Scholarship Instructions*. Completed applications with supporting documentation must be received either via email by May 1<sup>st</sup> at [info@rwsmsf.org](mailto:info@rwsmsf.org) or by postal mail postmarked by May 1<sup>st</sup> addressed to Rudolph W. Snowden Memorial Scholarship Fund, Inc., P.O. Box 10607, Silver Spring, MD 20914.

I. APPLICANT INFORMATION			
Full Name	Age ( <i>as of May 1<sup>st</sup></i> )	Phone	Email
Mailing Address			
Parent/Guardian Name	Relationship to You	Phone	Email
II. SCHOOL & COMMUNITY INFORMATION			
High School Attending ( <i>as of May 1<sup>st</sup></i> )		Years Attended	Graduation Date
HBCU Planning to Attend ( <i>the Fall following May 1<sup>st</sup></i> )	Major		Minor (if any)
College/University Status: <i>select one; provide evidence of acceptance or enrollment</i>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Applied/Pending Acceptance <input type="checkbox"/> Accepted <input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled			
Extracurricular Activities & Organizational Memberships: Summarize your activities and memberships over the last 4 years, and identify any leadership roles and how long you were in each role (e.g., Class President/Senior & Junior yrs., National Honor Society 3 yrs., Varsity Track 2 yrs./Captain 1 yr.)			
III. APPLICANT SIGNATURE & DATE			
Signature ( <i>sign electronically, digitally or via pen &amp; ink – DO NOT type your name</i> )			Date

## PHOTO RELEASE

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I (check one)  **do** /  **do not** hereby grant permission to the Rudolph W. Snowden Memorial Scholarship Fund, Inc. (RWSMSF) to use photographs of me/my child (Student/Applicant) that were provided for to RWSMSF for use in publications, news releases, online, and in other communications related to the mission of RWSMSF.

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Signature *(sign electronically, digitally or via pen & ink – DO NOT type your name)*

Date

*Check here  if a Parent/Guardian signing above for Applicant/Student under the age of 18 years.*

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Applicant/Student Name

Parent/Guardian Name

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Mailing Address

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Email Address

Home Phone

Cell Phone

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