

**UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AT BIRMINGHAM
SCHOOL OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES
AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES (AAS) PROGRAM**

Application Guidelines for AAS Scholarships
Deadline for Fall Applications: July 18, 2008

To qualify for an AAS scholarship, a student must satisfy the following criteria:

1. Must be enrolled in a full-time course of study (at least 12 hours) and must have officially declared a major in African American Studies (Please refer to *AAS Student Handbook*, p. 5 or go on-line at www.uab.edu/african).
2. Must satisfy the prerequisite courses (EH 101- EH 102) for the African American Studies major before taking AAS 200: Introduction to African American Studies.
3. Must maintain an overall GPA of 2.7 or above, and a GPA in the African American Studies major of 3.0 or above.
4. Must submit a cover letter of application verifying his/her need for financial aid, why he/she has declared AAS as a major, and what he/she intends to accomplish with the AAS major after graduation. In short, the cover letter would document the student's academic and professional goals. This cover letter must be typed, signed and dated.
6. Must include a three-paged, typed, and double-spaced original essay on **one** of the following topics designated by the AAS program. The topic for the AY 2008-2009 scholarship competition is:

Discuss the connection between classroom performance (attendance, assignments, tests, etc.), satisfying the degree requirements for graduation, and eventual success in the work environment.
7. Must have an officially sealed copy of his/her current academic transcript mailed directly to the AAS interim/director.
8. Must have at least two letters of recommendation mailed to the AAS interim/director. One letter *must* be from a current teacher or professor who has actually taught the student. The second letter should be from a supervisor, community leader, minister **OR** other individual (not a family member or friend) who has personal knowledge of the applicant's background and credentials. All letters must be typed, signed, sealed, and currently dated (Please see the scholarship application form on the second page of these guidelines for the name and address of the current AAS interim/director).

There are no restrictions to applicants based on race, color, ethnicity, national origin, disability, veteran status, gender, or sexual orientation.

AAS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2008-2009

This application is to be used for a student to be considered for financial aid from the African American Studies Program of the University of Alabama at Birmingham. The application must be received by the deadline stated on the "Application Guidelines" page and is only active for six months after submission. Applicants are also encouraged to apply for financial aid using the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA) early in the calendar year. Students may apply on line at www.fafsa.ed.gov. The amount of scholarship awards varies depending on the number of applications received each semester.

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY OR TYPE YOUR APPLICATION

Legal Name:

(Last) (Middle) (First)

Mailing Address:

(Street)

(City) (State) (Zip)

Home Telephone: () _____

E-mail: _____

Student Number (if applicable): _____ / _____ / _____

High School: _____

UAB Classification: ___ Freshman ___ Sophomore ___ Junior ___ Senior

This application *must* be accompanied by: ___ Letter of application ___ Original essay

The two letters of recommendation and the official transcript *must* be mailed directly to the AAS interim/director at the following address: **Dr. Dellita Martin-Ogunsola, Interim Director, African American Studies Program, HHB 576, University of Alabama at Birmingham, 1530 3rd Avenue South, Birmingham, Alabama 35294-1152, (205) 975-9652.**

Certification: The information included in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that submission of false information may invalidate this application.

Signature of Applicant

Date