



## **University of Houston African American Initiative for Scholarships Scholarship Application**

African American Initiative for Scholarships (AAIS) is established for the sole purpose of benefiting deserving African American students attending the University of Houston. Each scholarship is a one-time award in the amount of \$1,000 (\$500 each semester) or one \$500 award paid in the Fall semester.

### **Eligibility**

- Scholarship recipient must be a full-time undergraduate or graduate student in good standing at the University of Houston.
- Funds can be cover expenses for tuition, books, fees, and/or supplies for the coming academic semester. Any expenses of a recipient in excess of the amount deposited must be borne by the student.
- Scholarship recipients will be required to attend an annual Awards Recognition Event.
- Returning students in good standing may be considered with an explanation of financial “special circumstances” and must be enrolled to receive any support.

### **AAIS Endowed Scholarship (one available)**

This endowment is established for the sole purpose of benefiting deserving African American students attending the University of Houston. Scholarship recipient must have and maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.

### **AAIS Endowed Scholarship Sponsored by Shell (one available)**

The annual distributed income from this endowment will be used to provide scholarship funding for African American students in any of the following colleges with respect to the recruitment activities of Shell:

- Cullen College of Engineering – (Departments of Chemical, Electrical, Mechanical, and Petroleum Engineering)
- College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics – (Department of Geosciences Masters and PhD students)
- Bauer College of Business – (Departments of Accounting, Finance, Sales and Decision And Information Sciences)

The annual distributed income shall be spent for student scholarship(s) based on the following criteria:

- a. Scholarship applicant must be a certified full-time undergraduate; or a Department of Geosciences Masters or PhD student; in good standing at the University of Houston.
- b. Scholarship recipient must maintain a GPA of 3.2.
- c. Scholarships may be renewed provided GPA requirements continue to be met.

### **AAIS Annual Operating Scholarship Criteria (at least 7 available)**

- Scholarship recipient must have and maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher.

### **AAIS Annual Operating Scholarship Sponsored by Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity (one available)**

- Scholarship recipient must have and maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher and is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

**AAIS Annual Operating Scholarship Sponsored by Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church (2 available)**

- Scholarship recipient must have a minimum GPA of 2.8 for incoming freshman and a 2.8 minimum GPA if applicant is a current student. All recipients must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher.
- Recipient must demonstrate financial need
- One male and one female may be awarded
- Preferred member of PRBC but may be awarded to anyone of African-American descent from the DFW Metroplex.
- Stay enrolled with full-time (12 hrs)
- Be able to provide recent community service documentation for at least 50+ hours
- Be available for interview (phone or in person)

**Scholarship Program Guidelines**

**Scholarship Fund Disbursements:**

The \$1,000 scholarship is paid in two equal increments (Fall and Spring) and \$500 scholarship is paid in one payment (Fall) directly into the recipients' student account upon verification of enrollment and minimum qualification requirements.

**Selection Criteria:**

The selection committee(s) shall consider scholarship, leadership, civic and community involvement, as well as content and style of presentation of the essay in making the selection.

**Eligibility for Other Scholarships and Financial Aid:**

Recipients of any of these scholarships may apply for (and accept) other scholarships, grants, or awards for which the recipients are eligible. The AAIS seeks to fund African American students but may, at its discretion, select the best candidate to represent the scholarship. Applicants may also indicate that they are first in their families to reach their own level of university education.

**Application Deadline:**

The completed application package must be received by March 4, 2010. Applicants received after this date and by March 19 will be considered if funds are still available. The application package must include: Scholarship Application and all appropriate attachments; an official (or a certified copy of) transcript (UH or high school). The Scholarship Committee will meet after the application deadline and rank the submitted applications according to all the stated criteria.

**Application Forms:**

Available at: [www.myCougarConnection.com/scholarships](http://www.myCougarConnection.com/scholarships) (African American Initiatives for Scholarships).

**Notification of Scholarship Award:**

Recipients will be notified by Monday, March 8. If funds remain, a second round of selections will be notified by April 1.

**Forfeiture:**

Failure of the recipient to register for classes (at least 12 SCH for undergraduates and 9 SCH for graduate students) by the published UH late registration deadline will constitute an automatic forfeiture of the scholarship.

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## AAIS Scholarship Application

### Personal Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

PeopleSoft ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### Academic Information (fill in applicable fields)

First Semester at UH (Month/Year): \_\_\_\_\_ SAT total or ACT composite score: \_\_\_\_\_

College credit hours completed: \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative grade point average: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade point average in major: \_\_\_\_\_ Intended major: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please attach a copy of your transcript.**

### Activities (attach additional sheets if necessary)

Extracurricular activities (high school or college): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Community service or civic involvement: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Leadership positions held: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Awards or honors received: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently working while at UH?    Yes (    )    No (    )    N/A (    )

Do you plan to work while at UH?        Yes (    )    No (    )    N/A (    )

If you are working or if you plan to work: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Supervisor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Work phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

List family member's name that have attended or will attend UH: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## **Financial Information**

### **A. Guardian or Father:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual income from all sources: \_\_\_\_\_

### **B. Guardian or Mother:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual income from all sources: \_\_\_\_\_

**C. Number of brothers and sisters:** \_\_\_\_\_



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If awarded this scholarship, I agree that I am required to participate in the philanthropic goals of AAIS and its constituent groups for the awarded period.

This award will be presented at the UH Black Alumni Association Gala on Friday, March 12, 2010. Will you be able to attend? \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the above information is correct and true. I authorize The University of Houston Alumni Association to verify any information relevant to my admission to the University of Houston or claims made herein. I furthermore agree to release any information concerning my records at the University of Houston to any agency necessary for the administration of the scholarships.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return your completed application and academic transcript(s) to:**

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