



**Post Office Box 9391  
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## **2025 Scholarship Application Packet**

**DEADLINE: March 14, 2025**

The Metro-Jackson Alumni Chapter of Alcorn State University (ASU) Incorporated has long been a proponent of academic excellence as evidenced by its generous financial donations to **ALCORN bound** students.

This year, the chapter is preparing to award Four (4) scholarships:

- **1st place** academic scholarship - \$2,000,
- **2nd place** academic scholarship - \$1,500,
- **3rd place** Emma Maxine Simpson JAM book scholarship - \$1000, and
- **4th place** Metro-Jackson Alumni Chapter book scholarship - \$500.

They will be awarded to **ALCORN BOUND** high school seniors in the metro Jackson area (Madison, Hinds and Rankin counties) who have demonstrated excellence in academic, achievement, leadership, and service.

The scholarship application, scholarship criteria, and the scholarship **scoring rubric** are included in this package.

If you have additional questions or concerns regarding the enclosed information, please contact the Education Committee chairperson, Major (R) Frank Branch at [fbranch3815@gmail.com](mailto:fbranch3815@gmail.com) or the committee co-chairperson, Mr. Michael Gines at [Asugrad1966@currently.com](mailto:Asugrad1966@currently.com)



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## **Scholarship Criteria**

All high school seniors interested in applying for the Metro-Jackson Alcorn Alumni Chapter, Inc. 2025 scholarship must meet the following criteria:

1. Applicants must complete graduation requirements outlined by the Mississippi Department of Education.
2. Must be a graduate of a high school in the Metro Jackson (Madison, Hinds & Rankin counties) area.
3. Have a grade point average of **2.50 or above** on a **4.0 grading scale**, or a **3.50 or above** on a **5.00 grading scale**.
4. Have been actively involved in extracurricular and community activities.
5. Have been **ACCEPTED** for admission to **Alcorn State University**.

### **Application Procedures:**

1. Complete pages 4, 5, and 6.
2. **Provide a 7<sup>th</sup> Semester Official Transcript showing composite GPA signed by the school's counselor or stamped with the school's seal plus ACT or SAT test scores.**
3. Provide a recent professional headshot photo (3x5 or wallet size) of yourself for publication and **complete the release form** on page 7.
4. Provide **acceptance letter** from ASU.
5. **Email** above information to **fbranch3815@gmail.com** or **mail** to one of the below addresses by **March 14, 2025**:

Major (R) Frank J. Branch    OR  
1539 Fairwood Drive  
Jackson, MS 39213

Mr. Michael D. Gines  
4622 Norway Drive  
Jackson, MS 39206

**Selection:** The Scholarship Committee will select the scholarship recipients. All decisions are based solely on academic excellence as indicated by test scores, grade point average, quality of written expression, student's involvement, and in accordance with the criteria for this award.

**Award Notification:** All Awardees will RECEIVE an AWARD LETTER **by EMAIL** on April 21, 2025. **A MOCK CHECK will be presented to Awardees on high school Award, Class or Senior Day/Night OR at the Renaissance at Colony Park's water fountain off I-55 north in Ridgeland, MS OR an AWARD Luncheon/Dinner during MAY 2025.**

**MONETARY AWARDS will be presented to Awardees or their parents,** when proper documentation is received verifying that awardees have completed registration and are **OFFICIALLY** enrolled at Alcorn State University in **August 2025**.

# SCHOLARSHIP GRADING RUBRIC

## 1. Rating of student's Involvement (max 12 Points):

Honors or Awards	1	2	3	4	
Extracurricular Participation	1	2	3	4	
Community Participation	1	2	3	4	Sub-Total: _____

## 2. Quality of written career and education aspirations (max 16 Points):

Development of topic	1	2	3	4	
Ideas and Wording	1	2	3	4	
Organization	1	2	3	4	
Grammar and Mechanics	1	2	3	4	Sub-Total: _____

## 3. Counselor's Recommendation (max 5 Points):

Sub-Total: \_\_\_\_\_

## 4. Grade point average from Transcript (max 9 Points):

3.6 - 4.0 or 4.6 - 5.0 = 9 points

3.1 - 3.5 or 4.1 - 4.5 = 7 points

2.5 - 3.0 or 3.5 - 4.0 = 5 points

Sub-Total: \_\_\_\_\_

## 5. ACT Score from Transcript or other PROOF (max 10 Points):

25 or higher = 10 points

20 - 24 = 8 points

18 - 19 = 5 points

16 - 17 = 3 points

Below 16 = 1 points

Sub-Total: \_\_\_\_\_

## 6. All material included (max 13 Points):

Sub-Total: \_\_\_\_\_

Transcript - 2

Grade point average - 1

Photo Release Form - 1

Statement of career and education aspirations - 2

Test Scores - 2

Counselor's information/recommendation - 2

Photo - 2

Acceptance letter from ASU - 1

**TOTAL POINTS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** The **HIGHEST** number of points that any applicant can earn is **65.**

All Awardees **will RECEIVE** an AWARD LETTER by email on **April 21, 2025.**

**NOTE:** A **MOCK CHECK** will be presented to Awardees on high school Award, Class or Senior Day/Night **OR** at the Renaissance at Colony Park's water fountain off I-55 north in Ridgeland, MS during **MAY 2025.**



# SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

**NOTE:** Application must be typed or handwritten legibly in ink.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phones: (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Parents: (Mother) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell/email \_\_\_\_\_

(Father) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell/email \_\_\_\_\_

Name of High School \_\_\_\_\_ Principal's Name \_\_\_\_\_

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**Honors or Awards:** (Examples: National Honor Scholastic, Other Scholastic honors, Star Student, Honor Roll, Class or Grade Honor, Good Citizenship Award, Winner of National or Statewide Competition(s), etc.)

9<sup>th</sup> Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

10<sup>th</sup> Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

11<sup>th</sup> Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

12<sup>th</sup> Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

**Extracurricular Participation:** (Examples: Student Government Association, Athletics, Debate Team, Choir, Band, JROTC, Cheerleader, Scouts, School and Scholastic Clubs, Boys/Girls State, etc.)

9<sup>th</sup> Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

10<sup>th</sup> Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

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11<sup>th</sup> Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

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12<sup>th</sup> Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Community Participation:** (Examples: Blood Drive, Food Drive, Habitat for Humanity, Tutoring, working with youths, helping the Elderly, etc.)

9<sup>th</sup> Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

10<sup>th</sup> Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

11<sup>th</sup> Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

12<sup>th</sup> Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Write a narrative stating why you chose Alcorn and your career and educational aspirations.** \_\_\_\_\_

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**PHOTO RELEASE FORM**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby authorize the Metro-Jackson Alumni Chapter of Alcorn State University Incorporated to use, reproduction, and publishing of my photograph without compensation.

I understand that my photograph may be used in various publications and/or websites, for any lawful purpose including publicity, advertising, or journalism.

This photograph may also be cropped or edited without my further approval but may not be used to create derivative works.

This authorization is continuous and may only be withdrawn by my specific rescission of this authorization.

By signing this agreement, I also certify that I am over 18 years old and legally authorized to sign contracts on my own behalf.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**STUDENT SIGNATURE**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**DATE**

**NOTE: IF STUDENT IS UNDER THE AGE OF 18, PARENT/GUARDIAN MUST SIGN THIS FORM.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**DATE**