

2020 Afro-American Police Officer League Scholarship Cover Letter

On behalf of the Executive Board for the Afro-American Police Officer League and the 2020 AAPOL Scholarship Committee, I would first like to congratulate you for all the hard work you put into your high school career. Whether you were a student-athlete, thespian, part of the art club, council, or enjoyed supporting your classmates each day at school, you have been an important figure and made an impact.

Each applicant will be competing for a scholarship of up to \$2,000. This year we have chosen to require all finalists to attend the AAPOL Scholarship Brunch on **Saturday, May 23, 2020**. We have also added a cover letter requirement for each applicant. Please tell us about yourself! Where did you grow up? What clubs or activities did or do you participate in? What higher education institution do you plan to attend, and what do you want to major in?

You may type your response below. There is no word count requirement.

We wish you the best in all your future endeavors and look forward to seeing the finalist at the **AAPOL Scholarship Brunch Saturday, MAY 23, 2020**.

Executive Board Member
Chairwoman of the AAPOL Scholarship Committee
Detective Monica Fortson

Afro American Police Officer League
2020 Scholarship Application Acknowledgement Form
(PLEASE PRINT AND COMPLETE BY HAND IN BLUE OR BLACK INK)

The Afro American Police Officer League's (AAPOL) annual scholarship application must be completed entirely. Please review the application acknowledgment form and initial next to each line.

___ / ___ Applicant is currently classified as a senior in a public or private school.

___ / ___ Applicant's official transcript currently has a combined GPA of the minimum 2.7 on a 4.0 grading scale (If the applicant's school uses a grading scale other than a 4.0 applicant must convert current GPA to the 4.0 scale prior to submitting official transcript to the AAPOL scholarship committee). For the purpose of submitting the AAPOL scholarship application packet in full, the applicant may scan a copy of their current unofficial transcript displaying their GPA and classification and submit it with the rest of their packet.

___ / ___ Applicant will be attending a two or four-year university or college Fall of 2020. Higher career-oriented trade programs such as cosmetology, welding, auto mechanics, etc. **MAY** be considered eligible to receive scholarship funding by the AAPOL Scholarship Committee.

___ / ___ If the applicant is selected as a scholarship recipient the applicant must submit an official final transcript showing their final high school GPA to be the minimum of a 2.7 of a 4.0 scale prior to scholarship funds being released to the applicant's university or college of acceptance by the deadline given. **(In order for final transcripts to be considered official, they must be submitted sealed via mail to ATTENTION SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE: AAPOL Houston 5330 Griggs Rd. Box 43, Houston, TX, 77021).**

___ / ___ If the applicant is selected as a scholarship recipient, the applicant, **MUST** submit a copy of the acceptance letter to the applicant's university or college prior to scholarship funds being released to the chosen university or college by the deadline given as dictated by the AAPOL Scholarship Committee.

___ / ___ In the event that the applicant is chosen as a scholarship recipient and does not enter into a two or four-year University Fall semester of 2020, the AAPOL Scholarship Committee has the right to reserve funds and submit them back into the AAPOL scholarship funding account.

___ / ___ In the event that the applicant does not meet the final grade point average requirements, the AAPOL Scholarship Committee has the right to reserve funds and submit them back into the AAPOL scholarship funding account.

___ / ___ AAPOL has the right to reserve funding for any and all reasons deemed appropriate by AAPOL.

I, _____ have read, initialed, and understand the AAPOL 2020 Scholarship guidelines in full.

Signature

Date

I, _____ parent/ guardian of the above applicant have read, understand, and initialed the AAPOL 2020 Scholarship guidelines.

Parent Signature

Date

AAPOL 2020 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
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APPLICANT CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____
Birthday: _____ Gender: _____
Email: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____ City: _____
Current School: _____ Phone: _____
School Address: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONTACT INFORMATION

Parent/Guardian Name: _____
Email: _____ Daytime Phone: _____
Work Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

Is your Mother/Father/ Legal Guardian a current or retired Houston Police Department Officer? Yes No

If yes, Name: _____ Division: _____

Do you have another relative and/or mentor who is a **current** Houston Police Department Officer? Yes No

Name: _____ Division: _____

If yes to either of the above: are they a current AAPOL Member: Yes No

Name/ Payroll Number: _____

2020 AAPOL scholarship application packets must be completed and submitted by email to AAPOLScholarship@gmail.com by Friday, March 13, 2020, at 5:00 PM to be considered for review. An applicant's packet will not be considered complete if it is missing any component of the following: AAPOL 2020 Scholarship Acknowledgment Form (initialed and signed in all areas), AAPOL Scholarship Application, current unofficial school transcripts, cover letter, and Essay. **NO LATE SUBMISSIONS OR PARTIAL PACKETS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

Afro American Police Officer League Scholarship Essay Guidelines and Format

1. 2020 AAPOL Scholarship Essay must be no less than 400 and no more than 500-word count.
2. 2020 AAPOL Scholarship Essay body must be in the following format:
 - a. Single spaced
 - b. Size 11 font
 - c. Calibri (body) or Times New Roman font
3. 2020 AAPOL Scholarship Essay document must be in the following format:
 - a. Typed in Microsoft Word *must also be submitted as a Word attachment NO GOOGLE DOCS
 - b. 1" margins
 - c. Left alignment
 - d. Essay title
 - i. Center at the top of the page size 18 bold *does not count towards the final word count
 - e. Footer containing
 - i. Page numbers right-aligned
 - ii. First and last name left-aligned

*The applicant's essay will be graded on grammar/ punctuation, word count, and content. In the area of content, the applicant's essay will be graded on whether or not the applicant answered all parts of the scholarship question, whether or not the applicant's essay content is relevant, clear, precise, and thoughtful. Whether or not the applicant followed formatting guidelines will also be taken into account for scoring and/or acceptance of the essay.

*In the event, the applicant needs to resubmit their packet, PRIOR TO the deadline stated, the applicant MUST submit an ENTIRE packet. Partial submitted packets will NOT be matched up with multiple submission emails to make a complete packet submission.

2020 AAPOL Scholarship Essay Question:

Explain: How has instant access to information through social media had a positive and/or negative impact on your high school career? How do you feel about the amount of personal information today's youth share and post on social media? Can you share too much on social media?

Think about this: Social media and technology have become a vital part of the foundation for gathering information in today's society. With the click of a mouse or the swipe of your finger, you can have instant access into the lives of celebrities, breaking news, and/ or your peers. A single post can alter the course of your entire life.

As you answer the essay question, think about the impact social media and technology have had on your friendships, completing school assignments, school bullying, emotional and mental impact on your friends and family, keeping up with trending topics, and the overall climate of today's society.

2020 AAPOL Scholarship checklist

- ✓ 2020 AAPOL Scholarship cover letter
 - Attached to the submission email
- ✓ 2020 AAPOL Scholarship application acknowledgment form
 - Initialed and signed by the applicant as well as parent/ guardian
 - Scanned and attached to the submission email
- ✓ 2020 AAPOL Scholarship application
 - Completed in full
 - Scanned and attached to the submission email
- ✓ Unofficial school transcripts
 - Scanned as an attachment to the submission email
- ✓ 2020 AAPOL Scholarship essay
 - Completed in Word
 - Attached as a Word Document to the submission email