

2021 Afro-American Police Officers League Scholarship Cover Letter

On behalf of the Executive Board for the Afro-American Police Officer League and the 2021 AAPOL Scholarship Committee, I would like to congratulate you for all the hard work you put into your high school career. Whether you were a student athlete, student council member, or enjoyed supporting your classmates, you have been an important figure and made an impact.

We have added a cover letter requirement for each applicant. Please tell us about yourself! Where did you grow up? What clubs or activities did you participate in? What college/university do you plan to attend? What is your intended major?

We wish you the best in all your future endeavors. The scholarship awards reception will be announced to selected recipients at a later date.

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

Afro American Police Officers League
2021 Scholarship Application Acknowledgement Form
(PLEASE PRINT AND COMPLETE BY HAND IN BLUE OR BLACK INK)

The Afro American Police Officers League (AAPOL) annual scholarship application must be completed entirely. Please review the application acknowledgment form. **Applicant and parents/guardian must 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 applicants 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, 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 2021. 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 on 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 AAPOL SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE: AAPOL Houston 5330 Griggs Rd. #43 Suite A112, Houston, TX, 77021**).

___ / ___ If the applicant is selected as a scholarship recipient the applicant **MUST** submit a copy of the acceptance letter from 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 a two or four-year University Fall semester of 2021 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 reason deemed appropriate by the AAPOL Scholarship Committee.

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

Signature

Date

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

Parent Signature

Date

AAPOL 2021 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 Parent/ 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/ City Email Address: _____

2021 AAPOL scholarship application packets must be complete and submitted by email to AAPOLScholarship@gmail.com by Monday, April 5, 2021 at 5:00PM to be considered for review. An applicant's packet will not be considered complete if it is missing any component of the following: AAPOL 2021 Scholarship Acknowledgment Form (initialed and signed by all parties), 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 Guidelines and Format

1. 2021 AAPOL Scholarship Essay must be no less than 400-word count and no more than 500-word count.
2. 2021 AAPOL Scholarship Essay body must be in the following format:
 - a. Single spaced
 - b. Size 12 font
 - c. Calibri (body) or Times New Roman font
3. 2021 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, PDF FILES, OR ANY OTHER TYPE OF FORMAT**
 - b. 1" margins
 - c. Left alignment
 - d. Essay title
 - i. Center at the top of the page size 18 bold *does not count towards 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 the applicant answered all parts of the scholarship question, whether the applicants 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 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.

*Completed or partial packets submitted not following all guidelines and requirements will not be considered for grading.

*Applicants chosen to receive a scholarship that cannot be reached or do not respond to the AAPOL Scholarship Committee attempted contacts within 48 hrs. will be bypassed.

*AAPOL has the right to reserve a set number of scholarships for children/dependents of current AAPOL members. The set amount is determined by the AAPOL Scholarship Committee.

2021 AAPOL Scholarship Essay Question:

Explain: How has the COVID-19 pandemic over the past year impacted your senior year of high school, family, and personal life? Has the government's handling of the pandemic changed your political views or made you more politically aware of the world around you?

Point of Reflection: We have seen COVID-19 contribute to over 400,000 deaths and hospitalizations across the country. It has also led to changes in both local and state day-to-day operations among many other modifications that have impacted the country as a whole.

As you answer the essay question, think about the impact the pandemic has had in the following areas:

- Friendships
- School
- Home-life
- Emotional and mental state
- Plans for college
- Political climate
- Overall global impact

2021 AAPOL Scholarship packet checklist

- ✓ 2021 AAPOL Scholarship cover letter
 - Attached to the submission email
- ✓ 2021 AAPOL Scholarship application acknowledgment form
 - Initialed and signed by applicant as well as parent/ guardian
 - Scanned and attached to the submission email
- ✓ 2021 AAPOL Scholarship application
 - Completed in full
 - Scanned and attached to the submission email
- ✓ Unofficial school transcripts
 - Scanned and attachment to submission email
- ✓ 2021 AAPOL Scholarship essay
 - Completed in Word
 - Attached as a Word Document to the submission email