

# 2023 Afro-American Police Officers League Scholarship Cover Letter

On behalf of the Executive Board for the Afro-American Police Officer League and the 2023 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  
Chairman of the AAPOL Scholarship Committee  
*Officer Sherell Wood*

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**Afro American Police Officers League**  
**2023 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 2023. 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 2023 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 2023 Scholarship guidelines in full.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

I, \_\_\_\_\_ parent/ guardian of the above applicant has read, understand, and initialed the AAPOL 2023 Scholarship guidelines.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**AAPOL 2023 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**  
(PLEASE PRINT AND COMPLETE BY HAND IN BLUE OR BLACK INK)

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

**2023 AAPOL scholarship application packets must be complete and submitted by email to [AAPOLScholarship@gmail.com](mailto:AAPOLScholarship@gmail.com) by Monday, March 20, 2023 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 2023 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. 2023 AAPOL Scholarship Essay must be no less than 400-word count and no more than 500-word count.
2. 2023 AAPOL Scholarship Essay body must be in the following format:
  - a. Double spaced
  - b. Size 12 font
  - c. Calibri (body) or Times New Roman font
3. 2023 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.

## 2023 AAPOL Scholarship Essay Question:

**Explain: How can local law enforcement agencies build and establish trust with high school students? What programs, ideas, or solutions can law enforcement agencies implement to better serve your community and your high school?**

**Point of Reflection: As you answer the essay question, think about your own, your family or friends' interactions with law enforcement or lack thereof and consider what an ideal interaction looks like.**

**If you have had a life-changing experience that involved law enforcement, feel free to talk about that experience in your essay. If you are considering going into law enforcement as a career in the future, think about what actions you'd personally take to foster a healthy relationship with members of the public you will encounter while serving. Use personal characteristics of your high school, its location, and demographics to help write your essay.**

**Originality and creativity is encouraged!**

## 2023 AAPOL Scholarship packet checklist

- ✓ 2023 AAPOL Scholarship cover letter
  - Attached to the submission email
- ✓ 2023 AAPOL Scholarship application acknowledgment form
  - Initialed and signed by applicant as well as parent/ guardian
  - Scanned and attached to the submission email
- ✓ 2023 AAPOL Scholarship application
  - Completed in full
  - Scanned and attached to the submission email
- ✓ Unofficial school transcripts
  - Scanned and attachment to submission email
- ✓ 2023 AAPOL Scholarship essay
  - Completed in Word
  - Attached as a Word Document to the submission email