



The Greater PineBelt Community Foundation Baxter I. White, Jr. Scholarship Fund

PURPOSE

The Baxter I. White, Jr. Scholarship was established by former students to honor Baxter I. White, Jr. The scholarship is awarded annually to a Columbia High School student based on academic excellence, community involvement.

The recipient will be a person graduating with a sound record of achievement in his or her studies and of outstanding school citizenship. This annual award will also include recognition of leadership ability by selecting a graduate who has taken initiative in school activities and/or organizations that contribute to an improved quality of life for the greater community.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

The Baxter I. White, Jr. Scholarship Fund will make available a scholarship to a qualified candidate who will attend or is attending an accredited two and/or four year college or university, with plans to pursue a degree related to math, science or engineering.

CRITERIA

In making a decision, the Scholarship Advisory Committee will use the following criteria:

- Scholastic Achievements
- Extracurricular Activities
- Acceptance to an accredited college or university
- Recommendation Letters

ELIGIBILITY

- Applicants must be a US citizen, a high school senior from Columbia High School who is graduating with the current graduating class.
- Applicants must have a minimum 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale and must provide an official transcript in a sealed envelope from the high school currently attending that includes the first semester of senior year.
- Must register as a full-time student within the next 6 months following date of graduation at any Mississippi junior college, community college, or university. (Note: Proof of enrollment must be provided before funds are distributed.)
- Attach 3 letters of recommendation from the following individuals:
 - Guidance Counselor or Teacher
 - Leader of a community organization in which the student participates
 - Any other non-family adult of the student's choosing (i.e. boss or religious leader)

NOTIFICATION

Applicants will be notified by mail about the status of their application no later than May 1. Scholarship funds will be distributed directly to the institution of the applicant's choice no later than August 1.

GUIDELINES

Each complete application must be received by The Greater PineBelt Community Foundation by March 1.

- Completed application form
- Essays
- Official high school transcripts
- Copy of ACT or SAT score
- Resume

QUESTIONS

Contact the PineBelt Foundation at 601.583.6180 or email us at pinebeltcf@bellsouth.net.



BAXTER I. WHITE, JR. SCHOLARSHIP FUND

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Full Name: _____ SSN: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Country of Birth: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian's Address: _____

High School Attended/ Attending: _____ Graduated Date: _____

School Address: _____

Current GPA: _____

ACT Score: _____ or SAT Score: _____

Previous College and/or university attended: _____ Years Attended: _____

College and/or university you plan to attend: _____

Class Level: _____ College GPA: _____

School Address: _____

Major/Career Goals: _____

Briefly describe your family living situation (example: single or two parent home, or guardian including relationship).

*Major/Career Goals must be related to Math, Science or Engineering

List honors/awards/scholastic achievements that you have received in the last four years:

Award/Honor/Achievement	Year Received

List school or community activities that have been most significant to you during the last four years:

Activity	Position Held	Involved from (mm/yyyy):	Involved to (mm/yyyy):	Average Number of Hours/Week

List any work experience (including summer and part-time) you have had over the past four years:

Job Title	Position Held	Dates of Employment (mm/yyyy)	Average Number of Hours/Week

Name and amounts of any scholarships you expect to receive:
(Please do not apply if you are receiving a full scholarship, including books from another source)

ESSAYS

For the following questions, attach separate pages with your typed answers (put your name at the top of each additional page).

1. Describe your most meaningful achievements and how they relate to your field of study and your future goals.
2. Discuss where you see yourself in 10 years in terms of education and employment and why.
3. From a financial standpoint, what impact would this scholarship have on your education? (State any special personal or family circumstances affecting your need for financial assistance.)
4. Why did you decide to apply for this scholarship and briefly describe how being awarded this scholarship will benefit you?
5. Discuss one challenge or hardship you faced and describe how you preserved through it and what you learned from it.
6. What does "success" mean to you?

I certify that all information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that I may be asked to provide proof of information stated on this form.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

I have included one copy of the following:

- Completed application form
- Essays
- 3 Letters of Recommendation (please list names)
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____
- Official high school transcript – must include 1st semester of Senior Year
- Copy of ACT or SAT score
- Resume

**Completed application must be received
at the address below by February 15:**

Baxter I. White, Jr. Scholarship Advisory Committee
The Greater PineBelt Community Foundation
1507 Hardy Street, Suite 208
Hattiesburg, MS 39401



**The Greater PineBelt Community Foundation
Baxter I. White, Jr. Scholarship Recommendation Form**

PART A: TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT

Full Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

High School: _____

Current GPA: _____ Class Rank: _____ Class Size: _____

ACT Score: _____ or SAT Score: _____

Person Writing Letter: _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____

PART B: TO BE COMPLETED BY THE EVALUATOR

Return this form and any additional sheets to the applicant listed above. Please fill out the information requested below and provide additional comments about the applicant that you deem appropriate. We must receive a recommendation to process the scholarship application.

Name: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

How long have you known the scholarship applicant? _____

In what capacity are you familiar with the applicant's education and/or personal background? _____

SUMMARY EVALUATION

Please circle one in each category. Rating Scale: 1-5 (5 being the highest)

Scholastic / Personal Achievements	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
Attendance at School / Work	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
Performance compared to peers	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
Leadership Ability	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
Participation in Class / Work	1	2	3	4	5	N/A

Please indicate the strength of your overall endorsement of the applicant by circling one rating:

Highly Recommend Recommend Recommend with Some Reservations Not Recommended

COMMENTS

In 500-800 words, please comment on any aspect of the applicant's background, experiences, community involvement, etc., that will help the scholarship committee evaluate this individual.

I certify that all information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that I may be asked to provide proof of information stated on this form.

Signature _____ Date _____