



## The Greater PineBelt Community Foundation Eloise T. Hopson Scholarship Fund

### PURPOSE

The Eloise T. Hopson Scholarship Fund was started in 1999 in memory of Eloise Hopson, an English teacher at Rowan High School who wanted to help African American students continue their English study at the university level. After her death, her family established the Eloise T. Hopson Scholarship Endowment with The Greater PineBelt Community Foundation. The chairman of the Eloise T. Hopson Scholarship Committee and members of the Hattiesburg Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., select the recipient each year.

The recipient will be a person graduating with a sound record of achievement in 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 Eloise T. Hopson Scholarship assists an African American graduate of the Pine Belt Area (especially Hattiesburg High School) who wants to pursue a college degree in English, Speech Communications, or Drama, Journalism, Forensics and Debate.

### CRITERIA

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

- Financial Need
- Scholastic Achievements
- Extracurricular Activities
- Acceptance to an accredited college or university

### ELIGIBILITY

- Applicant must be a citizen of the United States of America.
- Applicant must be an African American graduate of Hattiesburg High School.
- Applicant must be committed to pursuing a college degree in English, Speech Communications, Debate, Journalism, Forensics or Drama.
- Applicant must have a minimum 2.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale or an ACT score of 18/SAT score of 870 (*whichever is greater*) and must provide an official transcript in a sealed envelope from the high school currently attending that includes the first semester of senior year.

## **NOTIFICATION**

Applicants will be notified by mail about the status of their application no later than May 15<sup>th</sup>. Scholarship funds will be distributed directly to the institution of the applicant's choice no later than September 1.

## **GUIDELINES**

Each complete application must be received by The Greater PineBelt Community Foundation by March 1<sup>st</sup>.

- Completed application form
- Essays
- Official high school and/or post-secondary school transcripts
- Copy of ACT or SAT score

## **QUESTIONS**

Contact the PineBelt Foundation at 601.583.6180 or email us at [pinebeltcf@bellsouth.net](mailto:pinebeltcf@bellsouth.net).



## ELOISE T. HOPSON SCHOLARSHIP FUND SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ SSN (last 4 digits) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Country of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Legal Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Legal Guardian's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

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: \_\_\_\_\_

### COLLEGE INFORMATION (IF APPLICABLE)

College Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

College Address: \_\_\_\_\_

GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list Gross Annual Household Income and Sources of Income (Work, Social Security, Child Support, etc.). Please note that this information is subject to verification should you become a scholarship finalist).

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Sources: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Award/Honor/Achievement

Year Received

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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

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

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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)*

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## ESSAYS

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

1. Name one book you have read in the past year, describe your reason for considering this book significant and what you gained from reading it.
2. Indicate a person who has had a significant influence on you and describe that influence.
3. One page essay describing why you want this scholarship and the impact it will have on your life.

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
- High school and/or post-secondary school transcripts
- Copy of ACT or SAT score
- Resume

**Completed application must be received  
at the address below by March 1.**

**Eloise T. Hopson Scholarship Advisory Committee**  
The Greater PineBelt Community Foundation  
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