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OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC.

EPSILON IOTA CHAPTER
P.O. Box 140044, Austin, TX 78714

JOHN O. BELLE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



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Approved or Disapproved

Applicant's Full Name _____

First

Middle

Last

Suffix

YLC Participant

Date of Birth

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone () _____ High School _____ Intended College _____

**JOHN O. BELL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
EPSILON IOTA CHAPTER, OMEGA
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Professing his love for Christ at an early age, he was baptized at Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church in Fort Worth and later united with Ebenezer Baptist Church after moving to Austin in 1950. As a devoted member of Ebenezer Baptist

Mr. Belle was inducted into the United States Army during World War II with duties in Fayetteville, N.C., Durham, N.C., Richmond, VA., and Germany. It was during this time that he married his high school sweetheart, Joe Helen Hall, in 1943. Together they shared many years of love and happiness.

John always had a commitment to and a passion for education. He attended I.M. Terrell High School in Fort Worth. He later enrolled in and graduated from Huston-Tillotson University in Austin and received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in history and elementary education. Further studies included attendance at Our Lady of the Lake College in San Antonio where he received his Master of Arts Degree in elementary administration. Mr. Belle also attended the University of Texas at Austin.

John Belle had a very distinguished and rewarding career as an educator. He served as principal of Sims Elementary School, Area I Director of Elementary Schools, and Director of Student Teacher placements. After working for 34 wonderful years, he retired from the Austin Independent School District in 1983.

It was always important to John to be able to have a positive impact on the lives of his many friends and citizens of Austin. He contributed time and service to various organizations through active membership and involvement. He was a member Emeritus of Phi Delta Kappa, University of Texas Chapter; Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, where he held many offices and was honored as "Citizen of the Year" by the local chapter and the district, which includes Oklahoma, Louisiana, Arkansas and Texas. He was a lifetime member of the Urban League and a member of the NAACP. He served in a distinguished

manner on many boards and commissions including, The American Heart Association, the Austin Symphony Society, Austin and Texas Retired Teachers' Associations, AARP Chapter 108, the National PTA Committee working with violence on television and its effects on children, and the Committee of the Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Health Partnership 2000 and the Board of Services for the Elderly.

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APPLICATION DUE: JUNE 30th, 2025

The John O. Bell Memorial Scholarship is open to high school graduates of high schools in TRAVIS COUNTY, who intend to pursue a bachelor's degree at an accredited college or university.

Applicants must meet the following Eligibility Criteria:

- ☛ A graduating student at a local high school with a GPA of 2.5 or better
- ☛ Has applied to one or more accredited colleges/universities.
- ☛ Passport-sized photo
- ☛ A copy of your Official High School Transcript
- ☛ A copy of your Official ACT and/or SAT Scores
- ☛ Must provide proof of enrollment as a full-time student for the Summer or Fall 2025 semester.

The Application will be considered from candidates submitting complete application packages that include:

- Completed TYPED application form.
- Three letters of recommendation (two academic and one non-academic)
- List of extracurricular activities including the dates of participation including any special awards or recognitions.
- Essay (500 words or more) addressing the following:
 1. Your professional career objectives
 2. How will this scholarship help you reach your goals?
 3. What suggestions do you have to encourage more youth to join and remain active in service to our community?



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Selection Criteria

- ☛ Overall GPA
- ☛ ACT/SAT Scores
- ☛ Essay (Content and Quality)
- ☛ Leadership & Extracurricular Activities

Scholarship awardee(s) must be registered as a full-time student and the Epsilon Iota Chapter **must receive official notification of enrollment from the college/university registrar before the award(s) payment will be made. The recipient(s) will be notified by July 15, 2025.**

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NAME _____
Last First Middle initial

ADDRESS _____
Number and Street City Zip Code

E-mail address _____

Telephone number _____ Date of Birth _____

High School _____ Grad. Date _____

Grade Point Average _____ Class Rank _____ SAT Verbal _____ Math _____

INTENDED COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY _____

DATE

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT



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Attachments Requires:

1. Official copy of high school transcript.
2. Three letters of recommendation. Please submit four copies.
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