



Alpha Phi Alpha Greenville Foundation, Inc.

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Luke H. Chatman Memorial Scholarship

(African American Males preferred)

2026 Application Packet

Contains:

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Biography of Brother Luke H. Chatman



A Greenville native, Brother Luke Haze Chatman was born August 18, 1921. Having been reared in the public schools of Greenville County, Brother Chatman advanced his education by matriculating at South Carolina State University, where he received his B.S. in Business and a M.S. in Education. A principal member of the Gamma Gamma Lambda Chapter, Brother Chatman served as President and Vice President as well as other chapter offices for many years.

In 1955, Brother Chatman became the first District Director for South Carolina. In 1968, he was elected Regional Vice President for the Southern Region of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. A staunch defender of public education, Brother Chatman worked tirelessly to improve the educational system in Greenville County for more than 30 years.

Brother Chatman entered Omega Chapter (deceased) on June 20, 1985, and is survived by his wife Mrs. Janie Barksdale Chatman and three children, Mike (Alpha brother), Donna, and Glenda and two grandchildren.

Alpha Phi Alpha Greenville Foundation, Inc.



Established in 2012 as a public 501(c)3 non-profit, tax-exempt organization, our mission is to aid the poor and disadvantaged and help them toward a life of self-sufficiency. The Foundation's programs address teenage pregnancy prevention, college preparation & awareness, educational scholarships, youth leadership development and other similar programs. We serve the Upstate area of South Carolina. For more information about the Foundation, please visit our chapter website at www.alphagreenville.org.



Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
GAMMA GAMMA LAMBDA CHAPTER

www.gglapa.org

Greenville, SC

History of Alpha Phi Alpha & Gamma Gamma Lambda Chapter

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. is the nation's first Greek-letter fraternity established by African American college students. Established on December 4, 1906, on the campus of Cornell University, Alpha Phi Alpha has more than 780 chapters worldwide with over 100,000 members.

Gamma Gamma Lambda Chapter was chartered on August 24, 1941. From the ranks of the Chapter have come several leaders in Alpha at the Area, Cluster, District, Regional, and National levels. The Chapter is a proud member of the local National Pan-Hellenic Council, Greenville Urban League, and makes contributions to the MLK Memorial Foundation, United Negro College Fund, and March of Dimes. For more information about the Chapter, please visit our chapter

APPLICATION FOR LUKE CHATMAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Please PRINT or TYPE. Fill out the form completely
DEADLINE IS APRIL 1, 2026

APPLICANT NAME:

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

APPLICANT SSN:

SEX

☐ Male ☐ Female (check one)

APPLICANT ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

PHONE:

DATE OF BIRTH

PLACE OF BIRTH

EMAIL ADDRESS (OPTIONAL):

Parent / Guardian Information

Name: ☐ Mr. ☐ Dr.

☐ Mrs. ☐ Ms.

☐ Parent ☐ Guardian (check one)

MAILING ADDRESS:

CITY:

STATE:

ZIP CODE:

WORK PHONE

GRADE SUM

GPR: _____ scale: ☐ 4.0 ☐ 5.0 (Please check one)

Copy of Transcript Required

SAT# _____ ACT _____ CLASS RANK: ____ of ____

College / University Information

SEMESTER OF ENTRANCE

☐ Summer 2026 ☐ Fall 2026 ☐ Spring 2027 (check one)

Applicant must enter school by January 15, 2027

Current High School: _____ College planning to attend _____

COURSE OF STUDY

DEGREE SOUGHT

EXPECTED COMPLETED DATE

TERM STARTS

COST OF FEES /tuition per Semester \$

RETURN BY APRIL 1, 2026 to:

Scholarship Committee

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE APPLICATION
& APPLICATION CRITERIA
FILING DEADLINE IS APRIL 1, 2026

1. The application must be completed by the applicant. Please type or print clearly (in black ink). You may add additional sheets, provided the application includes all information requested.
2. This scholarship is targeted for African American students who attend a public High School in Greenville County. **African American Males are preferred.**
3. Attach the following to the completed application:
 - a. **Two letters of reference.** Both must be from an older adult in the local community, not related to the applicant. If one or more is from a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity or a MLK Citizenship Award Winner, that application will be given preference. See the attached forms for more details.
 - b. **Certified copy of the transcript of courses** completed through the first semester of the senior year (including a SAT or ACT score)
 - c. **A biographical statement**, including educational background, civic and projects and other pertinent information on yourself.
 - d. **An Essay**, on a separate sheet of paper, write (print or type), double-spaced and no more than 2 pages long on the following topic:

“How will this scholarship help me pursue my career goals?”
 - e. The committee must receive the application along with a certified copy of your high school transcript on or before **APRIL 1, 2026**.
4. The scholarship applicant must be willing to appear before the Scholarship Committee for a personal interview, if requested.
5. Applicants will be judged on the basis of their secondary school records, personal qualifications, and results of SAT/ACT test, and the strength of recommendations. A headshot will be required if you are selected.
6. The Scholarship recipient must attend an accredited college of his or her choice by **January 15, 2027**. Applicants must gain admission to the college/university and maintain enrollment each of the following years of the scholarship.
7. The scholarship amount (**\$1,000 per year for 4 years**) will be deposited with the college or university attended by the student. When the recipient notifies the Scholarship Committee in writing that they are enrolled, the scholarship amount will be sent to the business office to be applied to the cost of tuition, room, and board. Exceptions to this rule may be considered by the committee and must be submitted in writing in a timely manner for the committee’s review.
8. Send completed application packet to:

Scholarship Committee
Alpha Phi Alpha Greenville Foundation
P.O. Box 5263
Greenville, S.C. 29606-9998



SPONSORSHIP FOR LUKE CHATMAN SCHOLARSHIP
(from a member of Alpha Phi Alpha)
You may attach a letter to this form

APPLICANT NAME:

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

REFERENCE NAME:

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

PHONE: Home/work

(Home Number)

(Work Phone)

MAILING ADDR:

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

CHAPTER INFO:

(Chapter)

(Seat)

(Key # / Initiation Date)

Do you attest based upon personal knowledge, information and belief that the applicant possesses the personal character and moral reputation desired to receive this scholarship?

☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**
Please check one

Please explain and comment: (You may attach a sheet)

Do you know any special situations, circumstances, or special needs we should consider with this applicant's personal character and moral reputation desired to receive this scholarship?

☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**
Please check one

Please explain and comment: (You may attach a sheet)

How long have you known the Applicant?

(Please indicate timeframe in years or months.)

Explain how you are acquainted with the applicant and describe the applicant's involvement in school activities or community, professional and civic activities:

I HEREBY CERTIFY AND ATTEST that the foregoing information provided by me is true and to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. I certify that I am in good standing with the Fraternity. I understand my obligation to the Fraternity to exercise due diligence in making this recommendation for membership. Without reservation, I recommend the applicant for the LUKE CHATMAN SCHOLARSHIP.

I certify that this brother is in good standing with the National Organization and our Chapter.

(Reference Signature)

(Date)

Financial Secretary, _____ Chapter _____

SPONSORSHIP FOR LUKE CHATMAN SCHOLARSHIP
(Outside Reference) *You may attach a letter to this form*

APPLICANT NAME:

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

REFERENCE NAME:

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

PHONE: Home / Work

(Home Phone)

(Work Phone)

MAILING ADDR:

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

OCCUPTION / CO.

(Position)

(Company)

(Years at Co.)

Do you attest based upon personal knowledge, information and belief that the applicant possesses the personal character and moral reputation desired to receive this scholarship?

☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

Please check one

Please explain and comment: (You may attach a sheet)

Do you know any special situations, circumstances, or special needs we should consider with this applicant's personal character and moral reputation desired to receive this scholarship?

☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

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Explain how you are acquainted with the applicant and describe the applicant's involvement in school activities or community, professional and civic activities:

I HEREBY CERTIFY AND ATTEST that the foregoing information provided by me is true and to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. Without reservation, I recommend the applicant for the LUKE CHATMAN SCHOLARSHIP. I attest that to the best of my knowledge and belief that the aspirant is a worthy, well-qualified and well-suited candidate for the scholarship.

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE
RECEIVED BY APRIL 1, 2026**

(Reference Signature)

(Date)

Are you a Martin Luther King Scholarship Citizenship Award Winner? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** Please check one