



# CENTRAL ALABAMA CARIBBEAN AMERICAN ORGANIZATION

## PAULINE FORD-CAESAR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Central Alabama Caribbean American Organization (CACAO) will award a \$1000.00 scholarship to a deserving student of Caribbean Heritage. The number of scholarships each year will be based on the availability for funds but at least one scholarship will be awarded. The scholarship(s) will be awarded at the CACAO Annual Christmas Dinner.

Applicants must send the following completed documentation (for receipt no later than November 9th) to:

\*CACAO Scholarship Committee  
P.O. Box 94336  
Birmingham, AL 35220  
Or scan and email to: [scholarship@cacaoonline.org](mailto:scholarship@cacaoonline.org)

- Completed, signed application\*\* (either typed or neatly handwritten; application may be downloaded at [www.cacaoonline.org](http://www.cacaoonline.org))

\*This address and email should also be used for any questions regarding this application.

\*\*Incomplete applications will not be considered.

**\*\* DEADLINE: Applications must be received or postmarked by November 9th**

### Applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. Enrolled as a student (graduate or undergraduate) in a degree or certificate program at an accredited institution in Central Alabama.
2. The candidate must be of Caribbean heritage: that is, born in the Caribbean or have a parent, or grandparents who were born in the Caribbean.
3. Satisfy the minimum academic requirement 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
4. Willingness to serve as CACAO Ambassadors to help the mission of CACAO throughout the year. This includes promoting the mission by sharing the Caribbean culture and promoting diversity and inclusion within the community and its surrounding areas.

### APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE:

- Application form (provided on the next page).
- A letter of recommendation from a faculty member or mentor.
- Most recent college transcript.
- An essay about yourself explaining your career goals, what you are studying and why you want to further your education. The essay should be no longer than 500 words.

*All information supplied will be treated as strictly confidential and will be used solely for the purpose of this scholarship. All material supplied in relation to this scholarship will become the property of CACAO. The Organization reserves the right to publish only compiled information without personal identifiers. CACAO reserves the right to revise the rules for the scholarship if the necessary. Students should not apply unless they meet the requirements listed above.*

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ (Mobile) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**ACADEMIC & COMMUNITY BACKGROUND**

College/University: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address of College: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Program: (check one): ( ) 4 Years ( ) 2 Years ( ) Other (explain): \_\_\_\_\_  
Expected Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Degree: \_\_\_\_\_  
Current GPA: \_\_\_\_\_  
Academic Honors: \_\_\_\_\_

**CARIBBEAN ORIGIN**

- Were you born in the Caribbean? YES NO. If yes, what island? \_\_\_\_\_
- If no, at least one of your parents or grandparents must be from the Caribbean. State which island? \_\_\_\_\_

List the **extracurricular activities** at your college, or community in which you have participated. Describe offices or positions held and the nature and extent of your participation. BE SPECIFIC: e.g., indicate name of organization, role played in carrying out mission of the organization, number of volunteered hours each semester.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

CACAO Membership: (applicants do NOT need to be currently affiliated with CACAO to apply).

\_\_\_\_ Yes, I am currently a member      \_\_\_\_ No, I am not a member of CACAO

I certify that the information above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**FOR SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE USE ONLY:**

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|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Application package postmarked by deadline | <input type="checkbox"/> Completed Application form | <input type="checkbox"/> Essay                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A letter of recommendation                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Most recent transcript     | <input type="checkbox"/> Signed Certification |

*DISCLAIMER Submission of an application does not guarantee that a scholarship will be awarded. Materials received will NOT be returned to applicants and will be discarded appropriately once the selection process is completed. NOTE: Incomplete applications will be disqualified.*