

CENTRAL ALABAMA CARIBBEAN AMERICAN ORGANIZATION

PAULINE FORD-CAESAR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

DEADLINE: *Must be received or postmarked by November 27th*

The Central Alabama Caribbean American Organization (CACAO) offers one (1) \$500.00 scholarship to a deserving student of Caribbean Heritage.

The scholarship is in honor of our founder Pauline Caesar Ford. It will be awarded at the annual Holiday dinner, and payment will be made directly to the awardee.

Applicants must send the following completed documentation (for receipt no later than November 27th) to:

*CACAO Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 94336
Birmingham, AL 35220
Or scan and email to: scholarship@cacaoonline.org

- Completed, signed application** (either typed or neatly handwritten; application may be downloaded at www.cacaoonline.org)

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

**Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. Enrolled as a student (graduate or undergraduate) in Central Alabama.
2. Willingness to serve as CACAO Ambassadors to help the mission of CACAO throughout the year following the event. This includes promoting the mission by sharing the Caribbean culture and promoting diversity and inclusion within the community and its surrounding areas.
3. Willingness to attend the December Dinner Dance, and promote the scholarship.
4. The candidate must be of Caribbean heritage: that is, born in the Caribbean or have a parent who was born in the Caribbean.

APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE:

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

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____

Phone: _____ (Mobile) _____ Email: _____

Permanent Address: _____

ACADEMIC & COMMUNITY BACKGROUND

School: _____ Address of School: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Program: (check one): () 4 Years () 2 Years () Other (explain): _____

Graduation Date: _____

Major: _____ Degree: _____ 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 must be from the Caribbean. Which island?

List the **extracurricular activities** in your college, or community 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.

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:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Application package postmarked by deadline• Completed Application form• A letter of recommendation• Most recent transcript• Essay• 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.