

Dear Principal/Guidance Counselor/Other:

The North Alabama Professionals Chapter of the National Society of Black Engineers (NAL NSBE Professionals) invites high school seniors to participate in our **Pope Perseverance Scholarship**. NAL NSBE Professionals was established out of a desire to stimulate and sustain minority participation in Engineering and the Applied Sciences. In keeping with its objectives, two local members are sponsoring the "Pope Perseverance Scholarship", focusing on students who are determined to succeed in college and beyond although their academic achievements are not top-of-the-class. The goal of this scholarship is to reach students that are not already receiving considerable scholarship offers from other sources, but have the determination, perseverance, and intentionality needed to attend college, major in a technical field, and have a successful career.

The criteria for the Pope Perseverance Scholarship is as follows:

- High school senior in the North Alabama Area with a cumulative GPA of 2.75 to 3.5
- A minority student intending to major in a technical field
- Evidence of community service
- Will attend an accredited college or university the following school year
- Indication of perseverance and intentionality to overcome adversity and/or hardship.
- Indication of financial assistance needed to support college endeavors
- Submit a Personal Statement as instructed in the application
- Submit three signed letters of recommendation (2 professional, 1 personal)
- Undergo an interview (finalists only)

Multiple winners of the Pope Perseverance Scholarship may be awarded, and each winner will receive \$2500 their first two years of college, to be paid directly to the awardee's college/university upon receipt of proof of attendance each year. In order to qualify to receive \$2500 the second year, the student must:

- 1) Have won the Pope Scholarship for the first time the previous school year
- 2) Have a college GPA of 3.0 or better for the previous year
- 3) Remain enrolled with a major in a technical field

Please complete the attached application or you may complete the application online at <http://tinyurl.com/NSBE2024PopeScholarship> . Recommendation letters can be submitted online at <http://tinyurl.com/NSBE2024Recommendation>. Official transcripts can be submitted by the school to scholarship@nsbe-northalabamaae.com. The Pope Perseverance Scholarship packet (application, transcript, personal statement, and letters of recommendation) must be **postmarked on or before Friday, March 9, 2024**. Please mail to the following address:

NAL NSBE Professionals
Attn: Pope Perseverance Scholarship
P.O. Box 949
Huntsville, AL 35804

The winners will be recognized at the NAL NSBE Professionals Annual Scholarship Program scheduled for **April 2024**.

There is no limit on the number of students that may apply from each school, church, or community. If there are any questions or concerns, you may contact Melvin Felton at (256) 679-2892 (email: scholarship@nsbe-northalabamaae.com) or Pam McDonald at (email: nsbenorthalabamaae@gmail.com).

Thank you in advance for your participation. Sincerely,


Melvin D. Felton
Scholarship Committee Chairperson NAL NSBE Professionals

Enclosure: Pope Perseverance Scholarship Application

POPE PERSEVERANCE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

Student Information					
Last:		First:		MI:	
Address:					
City:		State:		Zip Code:	
Home Phone:		Cell Phone:		Email:	
Sex:		DOB:			
Ethnicity (mark with X):	Black:	Caucasian:	Hispanic:	Asian:	Native American: Other:
High School:			Graduation Date:		GPA:
Expected College Attending:					
Expected Major:					
Career Objectives:					

Parent/Guardian Information		
Last:	First:	MI:
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Home Phone:	Cell Phone:	Email:

Financial Needs Assessment		
To better assist in determining the need for the Pope Perseverance Scholarship, please complete the following information:		
Are you receiving any additional scholarships?	Yes / No	
If you answered yes above, please list the scholarships you are receiving and their amounts.		
Number in Household _____		
Household Income (check one):		
_____ \$0 - \$20,000	_____ \$20,000 - \$30,000	_____ \$30,000 - \$40,000
_____ \$40,000 - \$60,000	_____ \$60,000 - \$80,000	_____ over \$80,000

II. ACTIVITIES, AWARDS AND HONORS

A. Academic Activities, Awards and Honors

(List student organizations, athletics, band, committees, fraternal organizations, etc. Indicate elected or appointed offices / positions held):

Activity/Award/Honor	Date

B. Community Activities, Awards and Honors:

Activity/Award/Honor	Date

C. Enrichment Programs Attended (e.g. Summer Science Programs, Conferences, etc.)

Program	Date

III. EMPLOYMENT - List jobs held while enrolled in High School (including volunteer work)

Employer	Duties	Dates

IV. PERSONAL STATEMENT – Please attach a statement on why you are the applicant most deserving of the Pope Perseverance Scholarship. What motivates you? What have you had to overcome? What are you willing to overcome? What are your goals? Describe yourself and highlight times when perseverance and determination were required to accomplish a significant task or overcome a major hurdle? The statement must be typed, double-spaced, and a maximum of 500-words

V. OTHER INFORMATION - Please use the space below to provide additional information that may assist us in evaluating you for this scholarship.

VI. APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Along with this application each submission must include the following:

- Official H. S Transcript with seal
- Three (3) signed letters of recommendation
(1 must be from a community organization or church)
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(The third may be from any relevant adult.)

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Mailing Address: NAL NSBE Professionals
 Attention: Pope Perseverance Scholarship
 P.O. Box 949
 Huntsville, AL 35804

By signing this application, you are certifying that all of the information contained herein is true and correct.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____