



Akron Urban League Scholars Academy

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Am I eligible to apply for the Akron Urban League Scholarship Program?

You are eligible to apply if you meet the following requirements:

- You are a high school senior graduating in the spring of 2023 residing in Summit County.
- You have a minimum 2.5 Grade Point Average (GPA).
- You must be enrolled in a full-time degree or trade program at an accredited college or university during the 2023-2024 school year.
- You **MUST** attend a **REQUIRED Virtual Scholars Academy informational session on one of the following dates:**
 - Tuesday, September 13, 2022 from 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
 - Thursday, September 15, 2022 from 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
 - Tuesday, September 20, 2022 from 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
 - Thursday, September 29, 2022 from 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
 - Wednesday, October 5, 2022 from 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.

2. Where can I locate and submit the scholarship application?

Click [HERE](#) to access the 2023 Scholars Academy application OR visit the [Akron Urban League's Scholars Academy page](#).

Your application must be completed and submitted online through our Google Form. **An application is not deemed as complete without all supporting documents.**

For students who might need guidance or technology assistance, please email education@akronurbanleague.org or call (234) 542-4140.

3. What supporting documents do I need to submit with my application?

You must upload and include the following documents with the application:

- Typewritten essay based on prompt
- Official high school transcript
- Letter of recommendation from a school teacher or counselor

- Recent Headshot of Applicant

4. How should I complete my application?

You MUST complete your application in ONE setting. You cannot close it and come back and work on it later. You should have ALL of your documents together and prepared BEFORE beginning the application process.

5. What are the requirements for the essay that I am submitting?

- The essay should be 500 - 600 words, 12 point, Times New Roman font and double spaced.
- The final document should be uploaded in a pdf format.

6. How will my essay be evaluated?

Your essay will be evaluated by committee members using the evaluation rubric. Here is the [LINK](#) to the Essay Rubric.

7. Where do I get a copy of my official high school transcripts?

Please reach out to your counselor for specific directions on how to obtain your official high school transcript, as schools may use different platforms to obtain that information.

8. Can someone besides my counselor or school teacher write my letter of recommendation?

No, the letter of recommendation must be written by a high school counselor or teacher (current or past) that can speak to your academic achievement and character.

9. What will happen if I cannot submit all of the required documents through the electronic application form?

You must submit all documents together with the application. If you have any issues, email education@akronurbanleague.org or call 234-542-4140. If all documents are not submitted by October 14, 2022 at 4 p.m., your application will be considered incomplete. Therefore, you will be considered ineligible to receive a scholarship

10. What type of picture should I submit as a headshot?

You should submit a recent picture of yourself. A headshot is a tightly cropped photo of your face, from the shoulders up, where you are looking directly in the lens with good lighting on your face. Please see examples below:



11. What is the submission timeline for my application?

The application submission window opens on **Monday, September 19, 2022 at 8 am** and will close on **Friday, October 14, 2022 at 4:00 pm**.

12. How will I know if my scholarship application is completed and submitted?

After you submit your online application, a confirmation email will be sent to the inbox of the email address you provided on the form.

13. After my application is submitted, what are the next steps in the scholarship process?

After all applications are submitted, the Akron Urban League scholarship committee will review the application and supporting documents. The essays will be reviewed and scored and candidates who meet the criteria will be contacted to participate in an in-person interview with the selection committee by **Friday, October 21, 2022**.

14. Will my application be evaluated based on merit, need, or both?

Candidates' applications will be evaluated based on the completion of the application, essay, student's academic success and their financial needs.

15. If I am not selected for an interview, will I be notified?

If you fail to meet the requirements, you will receive a denial email no later than **Friday, October 21, 2022**.

16. What should I expect in the interview?

A panel of volunteer individuals will interview candidates. These individuals may include AUL employees, the AUL Board of Directors, scholarship sponsors, educators across Summit County, and community leaders.

17. How should I prepare for the interview?

It would be best if you were prepared to come to your interview professionally dressed,

prepared to talk about your academic success and personal achievements, and discuss what you've learned throughout your experience thus far.

18. How will my interview be evaluated?

The interview committee will evaluate your interview. The interview committee will use rubrics to score candidates.

19. When will I be notified whether or not I've been selected for the Scholars Academy?

You will be notified if you have been selected for the Scholars Academy OR denied no later than **Friday, November 18, 2022**.

20. Am I eligible for a scholarship if I haven't received a college acceptance letter?

Yes, you may still apply for AUL Scholars Academy if you haven't received a college acceptance letter.

21. When will my scholarship be awarded?

The Akron Urban League will host an award luncheon on **Tuesday, April 4, 2023**. Candidates will be recognized and awarded at this event. Official scholarship checks will be distributed in July 2023 directly to your selected college.

22. How will my scholarship dollars be distributed?

Official scholarship checks will be mailed to the school or university in late July 2023. The first half of the scholarship dollar amount is applied in the Fall semester, and the second half of the scholarship dollar amount is applied to the Spring semester.

23. Can I use my scholarship dollars for anything besides tuition and fees (housing, books, laptop)?

Scholarship dollars can be used to cover anything that can be incurred on your student account. Typically, students can use scholarship dollars to cover tuition, room and board, and meal plans. Colleges/universities vary in that they may or may not allow you to bill your student account.

24. Is my scholarship renewable?

No, the Akron Urban League scholarship is a one-time scholarship applied to the first two semesters that the student awardee is enrolled in except for full scholarships. Full

scholarships are awarded for up to 8 semesters.

25. Who should I contact if I decide to attend a different school or major not listed on my original application?

If you have any changes to your scholarship application, please email education@akronurbanleague.org or call (234) 542-4140 ASAP. Please do not resubmit your application.

26. I am a graduating senior, but I plan to defer college until 2024. Am I still able to apply to the scholarship program?

No, not currently. Scholarship dollars granted in 2023 must be used for the 2023- 2024 school year.

27. I am a graduating senior, but I plan to attend a trade school. Could I still potentially earn a scholarship?

Yes, if you are attending an accredited verifiable trade program, you will still be eligible to earn an Akron Urban League scholarship.

28. Who do I contact if I have additional questions about the Akron Urban League Annual Scholarship Program?

If you have additional questions, please email education@akronurbanleague.org or call (234) 542-4140.

****Scholarship FAQs will be updated regularly throughout the process as more questions arise. Please check our website regularly for the most up-to-date version of our FAQs.****