

Brother Lamar Smith Memorial Scholarship



Brother Lamar F. Smith was born on February 5, 1912 in Flora, Mississippi. His family moved to St. Louis, Missouri when he was five years old. He attended the St. Louis Public Schools, graduating from Sumner High School in 1930. While at Sumner he ran track, in addition to competing in the quarter mile and relays against notables such as Jesse Owens and other world class athletes. After graduating from Sumner, Brother Smith attended Stowe Teachers College in St. Louis, MO and later attended the University of Iowa. While there, he earned a Bachelor of Science in Physical Education in 1934, and a Master of Arts Degree in Education with a minor in Science in 1936. During his time at the University of Iowa, Brother Smith was initiated into the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity - Alpha Eta Chapter located in Iowa City, Iowa in 1932. Brother Smith remained an active member of Alpha Phi Alpha until he entered the Omega Chapter in 2006.

Brother Smith began his professional career in 1936 as a Health and Science Professor, and football coach at Paul Quinn College located in Waco, TX founded by the A.M.E. Church in 1872 during a time when the fate of formerly enslaved people hung in the balance. In 1939, he became a teacher and basketball coach at Northeast Jr. High School in Kansas City, KS where he led his teams to two consecutive conference titles. In 1940, Brother Smith and his family returned to St. Louis, MO and his alma mater Sumner High School replacing his former coach and mentor William (Pops) Beckett serving as head coach for the football and track teams. In 1951, Brother Smith was appointed principal at Johnson, Lincoln Curtis, and Carr Lane Elementary Schools before assuming the role of Assistant Superintendent with the St. Louis Public Schools for several years. Brother Smith returned to work as Principal of Cook Elementary School until retirement in 1977.

Brother Smith made many significant contributions to the Epsilon Lambda Chapter where he served as President, a member of Alpha Redevelopment Corporation and countless other projects. Brother Smith was well loved by the entire brotherhood and is considered a cherished member to many.

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated





Nature of Award

The Lamar Smith Scholarship will be awarded, totaling \$1,000 based upon consideration of academic excellence, financial need, personal accomplishments, aspirations, and student/community involvement. The award is to be applied to the tuition of the four-year accredited college institution at which the student has been accepted and enrolled.

Criteria for Eligibility

Each candidate must be a current student attending a four-year accredited institution, a native of Metropolitan St. Louis, and has a minimum grade point average of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) evidenced via an academic transcript.

A completed application form, along with all referenced attachments identified on said form must be received no later than **May 3, 2025**. The referenced essay must contain a minimum of a thousand (1000) words and must address the subject: "**How will I be of service for years to come?**"

Terms and Conditions

In submitting the above referenced application and related attachments, each candidate agrees to make himself available for a personal interview upon notice to the applicant, at a time and pace of the Foundation's choosing. The candidate further agrees that any decision as to whether or not such an interview is necessary will be at the sole discretion of the Foundation.

Each candidate agrees that the award will be at the sole discretion of the Foundation, and the decision by the Foundation will be final. Each candidate must be present at the reception given in his honor to be awarded the scholarship. The reception will be held at a date and time yet to be determined. In the case of an emergency or a conflicting engagement, the candidate must call before the reception to state why he cannot attend the reception and to receive a waiver from this requirement. Failure of the candidate to show or call will forfeit the scholarship.

The recipient shall furnish the Foundation written evidence of acceptance, enrollment, and attendance at the college institution no later than **September 5**, **2025**, for the Fall Semester. **Awards will be issued two weeks after initial request.** The Foundation will have no obligation to the recipient for the scholarship amount if proof is not received by the above date.

All awards will be transmitted to the recipient's college or university or the individual's address within 15 days of receipt of written evidence with instructions that its application against the recipient's account be certified and confirmed in writing.

The scholarship is awarded in one part in the amount of \$1,000 if the Brother shows proof of a 3.0 or higher GPA on a 4.0 scale and is enrolled in a minimum of 12 college credit hours.

Lamar F. Smith Scholarship Application

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List of student activiti	es and offices held			
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Are you receiving fina	ancial aid? If so, explain			
Work Experience				
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(2) One letter of per	sonal reference (4) Your completed 10	00 - word essay (How will I be of se	rvice for years to come?)	
Signature of Applicant			Date	
Signature of Parent or Guardian			Date	
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Brother Malon W. Carter				

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Subject: Lamar F. Smith Scholarship