



## Bel Alton High School Alumni Association CDC

### 2024 Scholarship Program

The Bel Alton High School Alumni Association is proud to offer scholarships to Charles County's graduating public high school seniors and other young adults in honor of our founders.

Our founders saved an important part of black cultural history in Charles County. They boldly interceded with the Charles County government in the late 1980s to stop its planned demolition of our historic Bel Alton High School building, raised six million dollars to restore the building, and ran a community center in the building from 2008 to 2015.

The Bel Alton High School was one of two segregated high schools that offered a secondary-level education for the 'colored children' of Charles County. The school opened in 1938, during the pre-WWII 'Jim Crow' era, and ran until the County integrated schools in 1966.

The Bel Alton High School is the only **Historically Black High School** in Charles County whose original building structure is still fully intact. The school building and the black community it served are important parts of Charles County's heritage.

The Bel Alton High School Alumni Association, in honor of its founders and the cultural history of the Bel Alton High School, is pleased to offer scholarships to help students defray some of the cost of pursuing their educational goals.

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# 2024 BAHS AACDC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Applicant eligibility:

1. Must have one of the following statuses:
  - Graduating Charles County public high school senior in the class of 2024 with a 2.5 or higher GPA.
  - Former Charles County public high school graduate living in Charles County with a 2.5 or higher GPA. Must be between 18 and 25 years old.
  - Continuing education (college/university) student who received a Charles County high school diploma and has a 2.5 or higher or GPA.
  - A 2024 graduating public high school senior or a continuing education student, with a 2.5 or higher GPA, is related to a member of the Bel Alton High School Alumni Association.
  - Charles County resident with a Maryland GED diploma and a combined (GED) passing score of 164 or higher.

**Note: The scholarship award is contingent upon enrollment in an accredited Historically Black College or University (HBCU), or enrollment in the College of Southern Maryland or enrollment in a vocational or trade school.**

## APPLICATION GUIDELINES

1. The entire application **must be typed**.
2. **Incomplete, unintelligible, and late applications WILL NOT be considered.**
3. An official high school or continuing education transcript or GED transcript **MUST** be included with the application.
4. Completed applications and all required documentation must be returned via email to [bahsaascholarships@gmail.com](mailto:bahsaascholarships@gmail.com). Completed applications must be received by the BAHSAA Scholarship Committee by midnight Monday, April 15, 2024.
5. The Scholarship Committee will review all applications. Each applicant will be notified by email of the Committee's decision to award a scholarship.
6. All communications between the Scholarship Committee and applicants will be by email. The email address is [bahsaascholarships@gmail.com](mailto:bahsaascholarships@gmail.com).
7. Scholarship awardees may be requested to attend a BAHS AACDC Scholarship event to accept their scholarship awards. The Scholarship Committee will make checks payable to the awardees for college related expenses.
8. The awardee must present proof of enrollment for the academic year in order to receive the award.
9. Awardees may be asked for permission to use their images in BAHS AACDC scholarship promotions.
10. Awards are for one year. Must apply each year.

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## I. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Please provide the information requested below. Insert N/A if not applicable:

Name: (First) \_\_\_\_\_ (MI) \_\_\_\_\_ (Last) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

High School (2024): \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

College/University (2024): \_\_\_\_\_ Classification: \_\_\_\_\_

Vocational/Trade School (2024): \_\_\_\_\_

GED Certification Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of institution attending in 2024

College/University: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Attending: Full-time  Part-time

College of Southern Maryland

Vocational/Trade School: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Degree pursued: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you received other scholarships or financial aid for the 2024 academic year?

Yes  No

Are you eligible to vote? Yes  No  Are you registered? Yes  No . If yes, provide proof of registration.

Are you related to a member of BAHSAACDC? Yes  No

If yes, please list the name and relationship.

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## II. PERSONAL DATA SHEET

School (High School/College/University)Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Offices Held:

Honors:

School Activities:

Extracurricular Activities:

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### III. MARYLAND GENERAL EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT (GED) DIPLOMA

Date Received: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

GED Combined Passing Score: \_\_\_\_\_

### IV. COMMUNITY SERVICE

List and briefly describe your community service activities:

### V. CAREER GOALS

On a separate sheet write a 250-to-500 word essay that describes your goals, your plans for the future, and what you would like to accomplish after you receive your degree. How will receiving a scholarship from the BAHS AACDC help you achieve your goals?

### VI. YOUR PERSPECTIVE

On a separate sheet, in 250 to 500 words, **give your perspective on the historical significance of the former all-Black segregated Charles County high schools, like the Bel Alton, and the role they played in the education of Black children from pre-WWII to 1966.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print name: \_\_\_\_\_