



## Bel Alton High School Alumni Association CDC

### 2023 Scholarship Program

The Bel Alton High School Alumni Association is proud to offer scholarships to Charles County's graduating 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.



#### BAHSAACDC

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# 2023 BAHSAACDC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Applicant eligibility:

1. Must have one of the following statuses:
  - Graduating Charles County high school senior in the class of 2023 with a 2.5 GPA or higher.
  - Former Charles County high school graduate living in Charles County with a 2.5 GPA or higher. 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 GPA or higher.
  - Charles County resident with a Maryland GED diploma and a combined (GED) passing score of 164 or higher.
2. If 18 years or older, must be a registered voter in Charles County, MD.

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. Applicant must complete the application in its entirety in black ink or typed.
2. **Incomplete, illegible, unintelligible, and late applications WILL NOT be considered.**
3. An official high school transcript or GED transcript **MUST** be included with the application.
4. The completed application and all required documentation may be returned one of two ways:
  - US Mail: BAHSAACDC, Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 2614, La Plata, MD 20646. The application must be postmarked by midnight Friday, June 9, 2023.
  - Email: [joyce21045@verizon.net](mailto:joyce21045@verizon.net). Must be received by Scholarship Committee by Friday, June 9, 2023.
5. All applicants eighteen (18) and older must provide proof of voter registration in Charles County, MD.
6. The Scholarship Committee will review all applications. Each applicant will be notified by email of the Committee's decision to award a scholarship.
7. All communications between the Scholarship Committee and applicants will be by email. The email address is [joyce21045@verizon.net](mailto:joyce21045@verizon.net).
8. Scholarship awardees may be requested to attend a BAHSAACDC Scholarship event to accept their scholarship awards. The Scholarship Committee will make checks payable to the awardees.
9. Awards are for one year. Must apply each year.
10. Awardee must present proof of enrollment for the academic year in order receive the award.

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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 (2023):\_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date:\_\_\_\_\_

College/University (2023): \_\_\_\_\_ Classification: \_\_\_\_\_

Vocational/Trade School (2023): \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

Name of institution attending in 2023.

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

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

Attending: Full-time  Part-time

College of Southern Maryland

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

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

Have you received other scholarships or financial aid for the 2023 academic year?

Yes  No

Are you related to a member of BAHSAACDC? Yes  No

If yes, please list name(s) and relationship(s).

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II. PERSONAL DATA SHEET

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Offices Held: \_\_\_\_\_

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Honors: \_\_\_\_\_

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School Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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V. CAREER GOALS

On a separate sheet provide 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 BAHSAACDC 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 Bel Alton High School and the community it served in Charles County, MD.

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

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

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