

**BEL ALTON HIGH SCHOOL  
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (BAHSAA)**

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A 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization  
Preserving, promoting, and sharing the cultural history of  
Bel Alton High School  
Listed in Maryland Historical Trust (CH-562)

November 25, 2024

To: Alumni, Friends, Family, Supporters  
From: Matt Wills, Chair

Re: Bel Alton High School Alumni Association 2025 Membership Drive

**The Bel Alton High School Alumni Association is seeking new members to help preserve, promote, and share the cultural history of Bel Alton High School.**

Historic Bel Alton High School was built in 1938. It was closed in 1966 after county schools were integrated. Bel Alton High School was the second high school built for the 'Colored' children of Charles County and remains the only fully intact pre-WWII 'Colored' high school building in Charles County. The school was designated a historic site by Charles County, the State of Maryland, and has been nominated for the National Register of Historic Places.

In the past few years we have taken steps to preserve and share the cultural history of Bel Alton High School, and the legacy of its students, teachers, staff, as well as the Black community it served. Events and activities include: (1) Bel Alton High School 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in October 2023, (2) the establishment of a high school scholarship program in 2022, (3) the engagement of a consultant to prepare our National Register of Historic Places submission, (4) initiatives taken that resulted in the County making repairs at the school property, and (5) co-sponsorship of a Black history month program with the Charles County Board of Education.

**There is so much more to be done. I am asking for your help in sharing the legacy of historic Bel Alton High School by becoming a member of the Bel Alton High School Alumni Association.**

The attached application describes the membership types and costs. You can also use the application to donate. If you have any questions, please contact me, Matt Wills, at 301-848-1854.

**Thank you for your support with helping to ensure that the cultural history of Bel Alton High School is preserved, promoted and shared.**

**BEL ALTON HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CDC**

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## **BEL ALTON HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CDC MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

### **Annual Memberships**

(Please select one)

- ☐ **Individual** – (A) A student or a teacher or a staff member at Bel Alton Elementary School or Bel Alton Junior High School or Bel Alton Senior High School prior to 1966.
- ☐ **Individual** – (B) Relative of a student or a teacher or a staff member at Bel Alton Elementary School or Bel Alton Junior High School or Bel Alton Senior High School prior to 1966.
- ☐ **Associate (Individual)** – An individual who does not qualify for Individual membership.
- ☐ **Associate (Corporation/Organization)** – A corporation or an organization that does not qualify for Individual membership.

### **Member Information**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

Were you a student or teacher or staff member? ☐ Yes ☐ No. If yes, please name last school and date.

School \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a relative of a student or a teacher or a staff member of Bel Alton Elementary School or Bel Alton Junior High School or Bel Alton Senior High School? ☐ Yes ☐ No

**Relatives Information** (If more space is needed, please use the bottom of next page.)

RELATIVE'S NAME & RELATIONSHIP \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

**2025 Dues/Donation Payment Information. (BAHSAACDC a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.)**

- ☐ Individual (A) – \$50 ☐ Individual (B) – \$50
- ☐ Associate (Individual) – \$50 ☐ Associate (Corporation/Organization) – \$100
- ☐ Donation–Scholarship \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Donation–General Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL PAYMENT \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your payment to **BAHSAACDC** and mail to: BAHSAACDC, P.O. Box # 2614, LaPlata, MD 20646. You can also pay online at [www.belaltonalumnicdc.org](http://www.belaltonalumnicdc.org). For any questions you can contact us at 301-848-1854 or [wills6035@comcast.net](mailto:wills6035@comcast.net).

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please add any comments about your interests, relationships, or feelings for or with or about Bel Alton High School Alumni Association. Do you have any Bel Alton related memorabilia, pictures, or historical information that you can share?

BAHSAACDC needs volunteers. Will you be a volunteer? Yes ☐ No ☐ Not sure ☐

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Relatives Information: