Dear Applicant,

The Oklahoma State University Black Alumni Society has been awarding scholarships to continuing students since 1995. The scholarships recognize undergraduate students, enrolled at OSU Stillwater and OSU Tulsa, who have excelled in scholarship, leadership service to the campus and community and other outstanding characteristics.

Each award is for a **one year $1,000 scholarship; $500 in the Fall of 2017 and $500 in the Spring of 2018**. Funding for these awards comes from the generous contributions at the Annual OSU Black Alumni Scholarship Golf Tournament. The OSU Black Alumni Society is proud of the contributions it makes to support the retention of students in pursuit of a degree.

To assist the Scholarship Committee, carefully follow the guidelines below and please type your application. In order to answer each question fully, you may need to attach additional sheets. If you have any questions please call the OSU Alumni Association at 405-744-5368 or email chapters@orangeconnection.org.

The Scholarship Committee is composed of members of the OSU Black Alumni Society and selected faculty and staff from campus and academic programs. The committee looks at academic achievement and student life.

In order to be considered, a student must also excel in more than one of the following areas of student life.

- **Leadership** - campus organizations (offices, committees, contributions to the growth or excellence of student organizations) or living group involvement (office, honors or service)
- **Service** – community service (impact on others through service to campus or society in general)
- **Special Merit** – scholarly efforts (scholarly research; national, international scholarships; honors college involvement, etc.) or activities that bring distinction to the University (national offices, honors including athletic involvement, or other designations that call positive attention to Oklahoma State University) or personal growth and determination (obstacles overcome in pursuit of degree, extenuating circumstances, etc.).
- Employment experience in which money was earned to pay for school may also be considered.

**Applicant Qualification:**

1. Applicants must have at least a 2.5 cumulative GPA at Oklahoma State University.
2. All undergraduate students who are currently enrolled at OSU Stillwater or OSU Tulsa are eligible.
3. Applicants must be continuing undergraduate students who are at least a freshman (with a minimum of 12 Hours at OSU) at time of application.
4. Be an active member of Afro-Am
OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY
BLACK ALUMNI SOCIETY
2017-2018 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Application Process:

1. Applicants must submit the following:
   - Completed application form, one recommendation letter from OSU Faculty or staff, official Academic Transcript, and resume in one 9 x 12” envelope.

2. Applications must be returned by 4:30pm on Friday, April 7, 2017 to:
   Black Alumni Society, Scholarship Committee
c/o Shane Smith
201 ConocoPhillips OSU Alumni Center
Oklahoma State University
Stillwater, OK 74078

Awardees Expectations:

1. Selected applicants must be enrolled full-time (at least 12 hours) at OSU in Fall 2017 and Spring 2018 prior to the release of funds and must maintain a GPA of 2.5.

2. Selected applicants are required to volunteer during the Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament. The tournament will be held on the Friday of Homecoming 2017, at the Lakeside Golf Course in Stillwater, Oklahoma. Registration will begin at 8:00am and more information will be available at a later date.

Summary:

1. Applicants must be currently enrolled full time at OSU Stillwater or OSU Tulsa and maintain at least a 2.5 cumulative GPA.

2. Applications are available at the Alumni Association welcome desk on the 1st floor of the ConocoPhillips OSU Alumni Center, the Scholarship & Financial Aid Office, and the Office of Multicultural Affairs in the Student Union.

3. Complete the application following the instructions on the form

4. Attach one letter of recommendation from OSU faculty or staff.

5. Attach a copy of your official transcript.

6. Attach a Resume.

7. Sign and attach the Information Release form.

8. Return all to the Alumni Association office by 4:30pm on April 7, 2017.

Your attention to these details will help the committee tremendously as it embarks on a difficult task. Thank you for your cooperation.
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INSTRUCTIONS: Complete all portions of this form, incomplete applications will not be considered.

HONOR STATEMENT: I certify that all of the following information is true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the Black Alumni Society Scholarship Committee maintains the right to verify any part of the information provided. Additionally, I give permission for the Committee to access my student records, including student conduct records, in any of the departments on campus.

Signature _______________ Date _______________

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name: __________________________ CWID #: __________________________

Current Address: ______________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________

Current Daytime Telephone: ____________________________________________

Parent/Guardian’s Name and Address: ______________________________________
____________________________________________________________________

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Expected Date of Graduation: ________________________ Cum Grad/Ret GPA: __________

Major Field of Study____________________________________________________

College Enrolled In____________________________________________________

Division / Department__________________________________________________

Are you pursuing an Honors Degree? Yes _____________ No ______________

Classification:
□ FRESHMAN: (fewer than 28 semester credit hours passed)
□ SOPHOMORE: (28 to 59 semester credit hours passed)
□ JUNIOR: (60 to 93 semester credit hours passed)
□ SENIOR: (94 or more semester credit hours passed)
Leadership:
In the space below, list the activities and organizations you have been involved with while in college. Include activities and memberships not directly related to college. Also, indicate those activities in which you held leadership positions.

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Service:
In the space below, list the activities and organizations you have been involved with while in college in the community. Include activities and memberships not directly related to college. Also, indicate those activities in which you held leadership positions.

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Awards, Scholarships and Scholarly Activity:
In the space below, list the honors, awards and scholarships (academic, athletic, or extra-curricular) you have received while in college. Include those not directly related to college.

Awards and Honors ......................................................... Year(s)

Scholarships and Scholarly Activity .................................. Year(s)
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Short Answer Essay Question

Please answer one or two of the following essay questions. Do not to exceed one page in length per each question.

1. What was the most meaningful act that caused you to begin or continue your matriculation at OSU, other than funding, and how would you pay-it-forward to others?

2. Describe how you could enhance your student experience at OSU and your personal future through involvement in the OSU Black Alumni Society as part of the OSU Alumni Association.

3. Why do you think you that are deserving of this award? Include your most noteworthy contribution to Oklahoma State University and how you have made a difference in your community?

4. Recruitment and Retention of African American Students has been in decline recent years, what steps would you implement to increase the numbers of African American Students attending Oklahoma State University?

5. How have you used OSU resources such as visiting TA’s, participating as an organization leader, attending workshops that allow you to practice public speaking and/ or engaging with mentors, to help you excel academically or as a leader?

6. In considering the ‘Black Lives Matter’ movement, what do you consider your most effective personal response or involvement, and why?

7. Within the usage of your social media presence, what, if any strategies have you used effectively, to improve the position and perception of African American students on OSU’s campus?

8. What question, which was not asked here, would you have asked as a member of the scholarship committee and how would you answer it?
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REMINDER:
- Attach an official transcript
- Attach 1 letter of recommendation
- Attach Information Release Form
- Attach a Resume
Information Release Form
OSU Black Alumni Society Scholarship Award

Name __________________________________________

Local Address ________________________________________
____________________________________________________

Permanent Address ________________________________________
____________________________________________________

Phone_________________________ Cell _________________________________

E-mail address ________________________________________

Parent’s Names and Address ________________________________________
____________________________________________________

Photo and Text Release:
I grant all Oklahoma State University campuses (hereinafter University), the right to use, publish, and copyright my image (including audio, moving image, text from application or photograph) for educational programs, media relations, Web sites, and promotion of University and Alumni Association programs.

The University and Association adhere to all Federal and State laws associated with the use of these materials.

Signature __________________________________________

Date __________________________________________