

# *My Brother's Keeper Scholarship*

Presented By:

**Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.**

*Pi Upsilon Sigma Chapter*



## **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

In accordance with our international fraternity's initiative, the Pi Upsilon Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. is offering scholarships to **10 high school senior young men of Birmingham, Alabama, and surrounding areas**. Scholarships will be distributed on the separate levels of four (4) year and two (2) year institutions. The scholarships are video essay format with the requirements listed below:

### **RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE APPLICANT**

Applicants must submit a completed application to **piupscholarship@gmail.com** by 12 midnight (Central Standard Time) on April 17, 2026. Applications received after this time will not be considered.

Please submit the following required documents to be considered for the My Brother's Keeper Scholarship:

1. Completed Pi Up IAMBK application form
2. Completed media release form, sign and return via email
3. Video essay submission; **uploaded to YouTube.com and emailed link**
4. Copy of college acceptance letter

All submissions must be received by **12 midnight (CST) Friday, April 17, 2026**.

Return application via email to **piupscholarship@gmail.com**.

Please direct any questions to Bro. John-Micheal Williams (205) 586-3613.

### **GROUNDS FOR DISQUALIFICATION:**

- **Submitting an incomplete application**
- **Failing to submit required documents**
- **Failing to adhere to the application deadline**

*(Please print or type your responses and return via email)*

**SECTION 1 – PERSONAL INFORMATION**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent's/Parents'/Guardian's Name:**

**Additional Contact Information:**

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**SECTION 2 – ACADEMIC INFORMATION**

**Name of High School:** \_\_\_\_\_

**GPA:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Accepted College or University:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Anticipated Major:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION 3 –ACTIVITIES AND INTERESTS**

**List and briefly describe your extracurricular activities/volunteer activities:**

<b>Organization Involved</b>	<b>Position Held</b>	<b>Date of Involvement</b>

## SECTION 4 – VIDEO ESSAY

Video essay must be 2 to 4 minutes long. Applicants must create a video on the topic below and upload to YouTube.com. Video link must be included in email submission of application and media release form.

Video Topic: "THOUGHT WITHOUT PRACTICE IS EMPTY; AND ACTION WITHOUT THOUGHT IS BLIND." – Kwame Nkrumah (Notable member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity)  
Define this quote in your own words. Also, describe how this quote will influence your future career in the area of service.

The videos will be judged based on the following weighted criteria:

- 40% Message content
- 25% Creativity
- 25% Originality
- 10% Technical organization (sound and picture quality)

Scholarship applicants will be presented with their awarded scholarship at the Pi Upsilon Sigma Chapter IAMBK Scholarship Breakfast at the following time and location:

Saturday, May 2, 2026 at 8am

Location: Trinity Baptist Church, 900 Graymont Ave W, Birmingham, AL 35204

### Four (4) Year Institution Scholarships:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place - \$4,000
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$3,500
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$3,000
- 4<sup>th</sup> place - \$2,500
- 5<sup>th</sup> place - \$2,000
- 6<sup>th</sup> place - \$1,500

### Two (2) Year Institution Scholarships:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place - \$2,000
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$1,500
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$1,000
- 4<sup>th</sup> place - \$1,000

**Eligible applicants must meet the following requirement:**

- **Male student**
- **High school senior for the 2025-2026 school year**
- **Residents of and enrolled in school within Jefferson, Walker or Shelby Counties of Alabama**
- **Must have acceptance letter from the college or university**  
*Note: If selected as a scholarship recipient, funds will not be distributed until August 10, 2026 once enrollment has been verified.*
- **Scholarship Award Level Policy:**  
*Students awarded a four-year scholarship must enroll in a four-year college or university and may not transfer the award to a two-year institution.*

*Students awarded a two-year scholarship may enroll in a four-year college or university and retain the scholarship, provided all eligibility requirements are met.*

# MEDIA RELEASE FORM

I grant permission to Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. - Pi Upsilon Sigma Chapter to use my image (photographs and/or video) for use in publications including videos, email blasts, recruiting brochures, newsletters, and magazines, and to use my image in electronic versions of the same publications or on the organization's website or other electronic forms of media.

I hereby waive any right to inspect or approve the finished photographs or electronic matter that may be used in conjunction with them now or in the future, whether that use is known to me or unknown.

I am the parent or legal guardian of the below named student. I have read this release before signing below, and I fully understand the contents, meaning and impact of this release. I understand that I am free to address any specific questions regarding this release by submitting those questions in writing prior to signing, and I agree that my failure to do so will be interpreted as a free and knowledgeable acceptance of the terms of this release.

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

Student Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Signature of parent or legal guardian (if under 20 years of age): \_\_\_\_\_