



Woodstock, GA – Cherokee County

*“Passing the Torch from Generation to Generation”*

# 2025 A. Langston Taylor Scholarship Application

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Dear Scholarship Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in becoming a part of a new tradition with the Sigma Delta Sigma Education Program. We are currently seeking a male that exemplifies the qualities of scholarship that will be awarded by Sigma Delta Sigma Education Foundation.

***"Passing the Torch from Generation to Generation."***

We are now accepting applications for the 2025 A. Langston Taylor Collegiate Scholarship. In order to apply for this application, you must meet the following criteria:

- **Must be a male presently enrolled as a college sophomore or junior at a college or university located in the state of Georgia.**
- **Must have a minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA at the time of the application deadline.**
- **Should be a responsible, supportive, self-disciplined, positive, and energetic individual who is interested in the welfare of education and in the community.**

Enclosed you will find the 2025 A. Langston Taylor scholarship application with forms attached. The scholarship application must be uploaded to the Sigma Delta Sigma website <https://sds1914.com/a-langston-taylor-scholarship/> by **Saturday, March 1, 2025 by 11:59 pm**. Please make sure that the following forms/documents are turned in:

- **COMPLETED 2025 A. Langston Taylor Scholarship Application**
- **Current Resume**
- **Scholarship Essay (between 2-4 pages maximum)**
- **OFFICIAL copy of college/university transcript**
- **Three Letters of Recommendation:**

Once we receive your application, you will receive an email confirming that we have received your application. Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted! **NO EXCEPTIONS!** After all applications have been received, applicants will be assigned points based off the following information:

- Application with resume
- Grade Point Average
- Recommendation Letters
- Scholarship Essay
- Overall Presentation

If you have any questions about the scholarship application, please contact me at [education@sds1914.com](mailto:education@sds1914.com). Thank you for your time and good luck with the process!

Sincerely,

*Russell Jeter III*

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Director of Education



## Founder A. Langston Taylor (1890-1953)

A. Langston Taylor, the founder of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., was born in Washington D.C. He graduated from the Howe Institute in 1909, which is now Lemoyne-Owen College in Memphis. He received his college and professional training at Howard and Frelinghuysen University in Washington, D.C.

Founder Taylor chose business for his life's career and from 1917 to 1926, he conducted a real estate and insurance business. For he was the Secretary-Treasurer of the Potomac Investment Company, Director of the Federal Life Insurance Company and President of the Taylor Tobacco Company.

Founder Taylor coined the motto "Culture for Service, Service for Humanity". He began serving Humanity by founding Phi Beta Sigma, to which he gave twelve consecutive years of service as a National Officer, serving as National President, National Treasurer, National Secretary, and Field Secretary. He also served as President of the Distinguished Service Chapter.

Brothers have described our Founder as distinguished, poised, and truly a hard worker. The members of the Alpha Sigma Chapter called Founder Taylor "Prof", short for professor, because he was always carrying a book, files, or reading. He was instrumental and held offices in the following organizations: The Washington Art Society, The Derby Club, The Banneker Research Society, The Mu-So-Lit Club, and the Tennessee State Club.

Founder Taylor was an Elk and a thirty-third degree Mason. He authored "The History of Negro Education" in the state of Tennessee and at one time was the Washington Correspondent for the Chicago Defender. For most of his adult life, he lived at 1517 Vermont Avenue, NW in Washington, DC, and held many Sigma meetings there.

A tireless worker, he worked hard in seeing that Sigma maintained its illustrious history, by serving on the history committee and providing numerous forms of notes, minutes, and oral history to those who served with him. Founder Taylor retired from Federal service where he worked at the Smithsonian Institute.

Founder Taylor is buried at Lincoln Memorial Cemetery in Suitland, Maryland (right outside of Washington, D.C.). His gravesite sits at the highest peak.



## Scholarship Rules and Guidelines

In order to be eligible to receive the 2025 A. Langston Taylor Scholarship, the following rules apply:

1. Must be a male presently enrolled as a college sophomore or junior at a college or university located in the state of Georgia.
2. Must have a minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA at the time of the application deadline.
3. Should be a responsible, supportive, self-disciplined, positive, and energetic individual who is interested in the welfare of education and in the community.
4. A total of one scholarship will be awarded. The number of awards is at the sole discretion of the SDS scholarship committee.
5. The scholarship will be worth \$500 and it is non-renewable. The award will be paid to the student in one payment of \$500 at the beginning of the Spring 2025 semester..
6. **The scholarship must be used at an accredited college or university in the state of Georgia and will be made payable to the selected school.**
7. The SDS scholarship committee will judge the submitted scholarship applications. Finalists will be selected based on the application and attached documents. The scholarship recipient will be chosen and notified by **Saturday, March 15, 2025**.
8. The SDS scholarship committee reserves the right to conduct an interview of the finalists.
9. The scholarship recipients will be determined by the Sigma Delta Sigma scholarship committee. It is solely at the discretion of the SDS scholarship committee to make the determination of which applicants followed the guidelines as set forth in the application.

Please be sure to complete the scholarship application form and include ALL attachments listed below. Failure to adhere to the instructions will result in disqualification of your application.

1. COMPLETED 2025 A. Langston Taylor Scholarship Application
2. Current resume
3. An official copy of your college/university transcript showing your cumulative GPA
4. Three Letters of Recommendation:
5. A 2-4 page scholarship essay (information will be included in application)

Your completed application package should be uploaded to the Sigma Delta Sigma website <https://sds1914.com/a-langston-taylor-scholarship/> by **Saturday, March 1, 2025 by 11:59 pm**.

Please save your application package as "**A. Langston Taylor Scholarship – Your Name**" since we will be receiving a number of applications during this application process.



# 2025 A. Langston Taylor Scholarship Application

Please print clearly or type and attach a current resume.

## Part I: Personal Information

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

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

## Part II: College/University Information

Name of Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of Attendance: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Expected Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_  
(i.e. 3.5/4.0 scale)

Major(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Minor(s)(if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_



### Part III: Short Answer

Please answer the following questions concisely and attach additional sheets if needed.

1. What other scholarships, grants, or financial aid awards have you received or do you expect to receive for the 2025 school year?

Award Name	Date	Amount

2. What academic awards, recognitions, or honors have you received during your high school career?

Award Name	Description	Date

3. What community service activities or organizations have you been involved with in the last year?

Activity/Organization	Role	Date Participated



4. List all your involvement in student organizations. Please include if you have held any leadership positions and years involved.

Activity/Organization	Position	Dates Participated

5. List all of your current and previous work experience. Please include the type of work you did, how many hours you worked per week, and length of employment.

Employer	Position	Dates Participated	Hours Per Week

6. Why should you receive this year’s A. Langston Taylor Scholarship? What type of impact would this scholarship have on your education?

**Part IV: Essay**

**Topic:** Racial profiling and police brutality have been pressing issues in the news over the past couple of years. There have been many protest, both organized and unorganized, that have taken place utilizing American’s First Amendment Right. How can you effectively make a positive change and protect the basic rights of all citizens? Is there a real need/cause for the Black Lives Matter movement? How will obtaining a college education allow you to be a positive factor in society and how would you change the landscape of America? How will you pass the torch from generation to generation?



### Essay Criteria:

- Your essay should be between two to four pages, double-spaced and typed.
- Size 12 font (only Times New Roman or Arial font are accepted)
- **Your essay will be judged based on the following:**
  - The degree to which the writer establishes a controlling idea and elaborates the main points with examples, illustrations, facts or details that are appropriate to the audience.
  - The degree to which the writer's ideas are arranged in a clear order and the overall structure of the response is consistent to the audience.
  - The degree to which the writer controls language to engage the reader.
  - The degree to which the writer demonstrates control of sentence formation, usage, and mechanics.
- **The essay will account for a major portion of the scoring criteria for the awarding of the scholarship.**
- **If selected as the scholarship winner, you will be expected to recite your essay at the Scholarship Reception.**

## Part V: Recommendations and Transcripts

### Recommendations

Each applicant must have **THREE** Letters of Recommendation for their application package. All recommendations must be submitted by the application deadline or the application will be considered incomplete. **Please include your name in the subject.** Faculty/staff members affiliated with your school (professors, academic advisers, etc.); employers; and coaches/student organization advisers are all acceptable recommenders who can assess your skills.

### Transcripts

Applicants must obtain a copy of their college/university transcript and submit it as a PDF along with the scholarship application. The transcript should show the applicant's cumulative and program GPA. Applications are considered incomplete until transcripts and/or academic verifications are received by the SDS scholarship committee.

## Part VI: Applicant Verification

*By signing this application, I affirm that all information contained within this application and accompanying attachments are complete, accurate and all information is truthful. Also by signing this application, I authorize the Sigma Delta Sigma Scholarship Committee to check my academic transcript to verify my current cumulative GPA.*

### Applicant

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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





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

## Scholarship Application Package Checklist

The following checklist is provided for the applicant's benefit. To be eligible for this scholarship, the applicant must make sure all of the following are done and the completed application package must be submitted to the Sigma Delta Sigma website <https://sds1914.com/a-langston-taylor-scholarship/> by **Saturday, March 1, 2025 by 11:59 pm** (please save application package as "**A. Langston Taylor Scholarship – Your Name**”):

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If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Russell Jeter III at [education@sds1914.com](mailto:education@sds1914.com). Good luck with the application process!

