

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD PROGRAM
The NextGen Leadership Scholarship
GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION

Application Deadline: November 15, 2021

The Albany State University National Alumni Association, Inc. (ASUNAA) established the ASUNAA Scholarship Award Program to recognize, encourage and reward undergraduate students who: are in good academic standing at Albany State University (ASU). Students must demonstrate a financial need; have a record of leadership in school and in the community; have the potential to become active alumni who will support Albany State University (ASU) and ASUNAA; and contribute to their communities.

In keeping with its tradition of assisting students, the ASUNAA Board of Directors is proud to offer financial assistance for the Spring Semester (2022) to students enrolled at ASU. The ASUNAA established the NextGen Leadership Scholarship¹ to recognize students that exhibit outstanding leadership at Albany State University (ASU); encourage engagement with the Association; and support the next generation of leaders. Two (2) scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each is available for students to apply. A student is eligible to receive one (1) ASUNAA scholarship. Awards are granted without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, gender, disability, national origin, or any other applicable legally protected status.

ELIGIBILITY

The student:

- Was enrolled as a full-time student at ASU during the 2020-2021 academic school year and Fall Semester of the 2021-2022 academic school year.
- Will be enrolled as a full-time student at ASU during the Spring Semester of the 2021-2022 academic school year.
- Has a current cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.7 or higher and upon enrollment as a full-time student for the Spring Semester of the 2021-2022 academic school year.
- Can exhibit outstanding leadership abilities through specific activities and events.
- Can demonstrate a financial need.
- Is a U.S. Citizen or legal permanent resident with a valid permanent resident card or passport stamped I-551.

APPLICATION PROCESS - How to Apply

1. The completed application and all required documents (transcript – *official or unofficial*), letters of recommendation, and essay must be received electronically by 11:59 p.m. on November 15, 2021. The email address for submission of the application is: asunaascholarship@gmail.com
2. The funds awarded will be exclusively for tuition and will be paid directly to Albany State University.
3. The application must be submitted on the form provided by the ASUNAA for the scholarship applied.

¹ The Next Gen Leadership Scholarship –Preference will be given to a student that is a member of the ASU Pre-Alumni Council, but the Scholarship is open to all ASU students.

4. The completed application and all required documents (transcript – *official or unofficial*), letters of recommendation, and essay must be received electronically in a packet with one cover email/letter.
5. The transcript (*official or unofficial*) should be for your most recent completed academic term (2020-2021); and reflect courses that are/will be in progress for Spring 2022 and cumulative GPA.
6. The application must be neatly printed in black ink or typed.
7. **The application must be completed in its entirety, signed, and dated.**
8. An incomplete application, which also includes not having all the required documents, will not be considered.
9. An application received after the date requested will not be reviewed.
10. A student is eligible to receive one (1) ASUNAA scholarship during the application cycle. If a student received a scholarship during the last application cycle, a student cannot receive the same scholarship during the current application cycle.

VERIFICATION OF POTENTIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

The potential scholarship recipient's application packet information as submitted/received is subject to verification by the ASUNAA Board of Directors whose decisions are final and binding in all matters related to the ASUNAA Scholarship Award Program. A potential scholarship recipient will not be awarded the scholarship unless and until the applicant's eligibility has been verified and the participant has been notified that the verification is complete. Falsification of information will automatically disqualify a student from receiving the scholarship.

REVIEW PROCESS

The ASUNAA Scholarship Committee will review each application eligible for review using established eligibility and application requirements for the scholarship. Committee members are required to sign a Confidentiality and Conflict of Interest Statement.

PUBLICITY – SCHOLARSHIP

Except where prohibited by law, participation in the ASUNAA Scholarship Award Program constitutes each applicant's consent for the ASUNAA (and its designees; successors and assigns) use or distribution of the applicant's name photographs, statements, hometown, state for promotional advertising in any manner or media including without limitation, online on websites and in social media, worldwide, in perpetuity and without payment, consideration notice review or consent.

NOTIFICATION OF AWARD AND DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS

Please allow 5 weeks from the closing date of this scholarship program for selection decisions to be rendered. Notification of award will be sent electronically. The funds awarded (\$1,000) will be disbursed to ASU for tuition for the Spring Semester of the 2021-2022 academic school year.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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2. For questions, please submit your inquiry in writing to: asunaascholarship@gmail.com



NEXT GEN LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Albany State National Alumni Association, Inc. (ASUNAA) established the Next Gen Leadership Scholarship to recognize students that exhibit outstanding leadership at Albany State University (ASU); encourage engagement with the Association; and support the next generation of leaders.

The recipient must meet the following requirements:

- Was enrolled as a full-time student at ASU during the 2020-2021 academic school year and Fall Semester of the 2021-2022 academic school year.
- Will be enrolled as a full-time student at ASU during the Spring Semester of the 2021-2022 academic school year.
- Has a current cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.7 or higher and upon enrollment as a full-time student for the Spring Semester of the 2021-2022 academic school year.
- Can exhibit outstanding leadership abilities through specific activities and events.
- Can demonstrate a financial need.
- Is a U.S. Citizen or legal permanent resident with a valid permanent resident card or passport stamped I-551.

PERSONAL DATA

Name: First:	Middle:	Last:
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Address:	City:	State: Zip:
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Telephone:	Date of Birth: / /	
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Are you a U.S Citizen? ☐ Yes ☐ No If no, are you a permanent resident with a valid permanent resident card or passport stamped I-551? ☐ Yes ☐ No

ACADEMIC INFORMATION - You must provide the following information:

Class Standing: _____	Date Enrolled: _____
Grade Point Average _____	(Copy of Transcript Required)
College Major: _____	Minor: _____
Career Objective: _____	

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List all Scholastic Honors Received:	Date Received:

ACTIVITIES/ INFORMATION (Use one (1) additional sheet if necessary.)

List significant extracurricular activities, community service, leadership positions, awards or honors received:

ASU PRE- ALUMNI COUNCIL INFORMATION - If you are a member of the ASU Pre-Alumni Council, please indicate the year joined and any leadership positions held: _____

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

EMPLOYMENT: List any employment indicating whether it was during the school year or during the summer.	
Employer and Job Title:	Dates of Employment:

Are you currently receiving financial assistance? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please list below the assistance received and the amount received.

Type Assistance	Amount Received	Renewed for Spring Yes or No

Total Family Income (Annually: _____

Parents/Relatives who have attended Albany State University

Name: _____ Name: _____	Name: _____ Name: _____
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ESSAY

Write an essay explaining: (1) why you would like to receive the scholarship award; (2) the economic needs/benefits the scholarship would meet; (3) what you as a unique, talented individual have to offer to ASU; and (4) how you would preserve and nurture the legacy of ASU and the Albany State University National Alumni Association through your time, talents/skills and financial resources.

The essay should be as follows:

- One page
- Typewritten Double-spaced
- Times New Roman 12 Font, one-inch margin
- Your full name and email address must appear at the top of the page of the essay.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Submit two (2) letters of recommendation from professors, religious and/or community leaders who are not related to you. One letter should be from an ASU faculty/ staff member. The letters should reflect why you should be the recipient of the Next Gen Leadership Scholarship. If you are a member of the ASU Pre-Alumni Council, one of the letters should be from the ASU Pre-Alumni Council Advisor.

The letters must be addressed to the Committee, signed, and the contact information of the letter writers must be included on the letter (i.e., telephone number and email address). The letters must be signed and dated by the letter writers.

By signing below, I do solemnly affirm that:

- *The statements and information presented with this application packet for the Next Gen Leadership Scholarship are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.*
- *I am not a close familial relative (spouse, child, stepchild, grandchild, step-grandchild, sibling, aunt, uncle, nephew, niece, or first cousin or god child) of: any of the members of the ASUNAA Scholarship Committee; any members of the ASUNAA Board of Directors; ASUNAA employees; and any member of the ASUNAA.*
- *I have not and will not solicit or provide to members of the Scholarship Committee any compensation or other consideration in exchange for reviewing /scoring my application.*
- *I acknowledge that if selected as a scholarship recipient, the funds will be exclusively for tuition for the Spring Semester of the 2021-2022 academic school year and will be paid directly to ASU.*
- *I have read, understand, and agree to adhere to the ASUNAA Scholarship Award Program Guidelines regarding eligibility, application requirements, verification of potential scholarship recipient, the review process, publicity notification of award, and contact information.*

Applicant: _____

SIGNATURE

DATE

DEADLINE

**THE APPLICATION PACKET MUST BE RECEIVED BY 11:59 P.M.
NOVEMBER 15, 2021**

EMAIL TO: asunaascholarship@gmail.com

EMAIL QUESTIONS TO: asunaascholarship@gmail.com