



Blue Crescent Charities, Inc.



**2021 Alfred Washington, Sr.
Scholarship Application**



Dear Scholarship Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in participating a long-standing tradition in the Jacksonville community. Blue Crescent Charities, Inc., in partnership with the Nu Beta Sigma chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. are inviting young men and women that exemplify high qualities of scholarship and community service to apply for the Alfred Washington Sr. Scholarship.

This scholarship is in honor of Alfred Washington, Sr. who on April 1, 1986, became the first African-American County Court Judge in Duval County. During his twelve years on the bench he served the needs of the county with distinction by “simply respecting the dignity of his fellow man”, and while he unfortunately passed away at only 57, his impact is still felt in Duval's judicial and general communities. Scholarship is one of the highest ideals of our respective organizations, and as such it is imperative that we promote this ideal among our high school youth.

The Alfred Washington, Sr. Scholarship's aim is to award scholarships of at least one thousand dollars (\$1,000) each to three (3) exceptional high school seniors who demonstrate scholastic excellence and community service. Winners would be able apply it to their college expenses and will be recognized at our 34th Annual Honorable Judge Alfred Washington Sr. Scholarship Breakfast.

To apply for this application, you must meet the following criteria:

- Must be presently enrolled as a senior at a high school located in one of the Florida counties of Clay, Duval, Nassau or St. Johns.
- Must have a minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA at the time of the application deadline AND at the end of the 2020 - 2021 school year.
- Must complete a minimum of 75 cumulative high school community service hours.

Enclosed you will find the 2021 Alfred Washington, Sr. scholarship application with forms attached. The scholarship application must be submitted electronically by **11:59:59 PM on Friday, October 1, 2021.**

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 applications are received, applicants will be assigned points on overall presentation based off the following information:

- Application
- 1,000-word minimum scholarship essay
- GPA as shown on transcript
- Personal biography
- Community service hours (e.g., Florida Bright Futures community service log)
- Recommendation letters

If you have any questions about the scholarship application, please contact us at bluecrescentcharities@yahoo.com.

Thank you for your time and good luck with the process!
Sincerely,

Will Evans
Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.
President, Nu Beta Sigma Chapter

Jason Edgar
Blue Crescent Charities, Inc.,
President

Alfred Washington, Sr. (1941 - 1998) Biography

Born

- January 24, 1941 in Gainesville, FL to Oliver and Judy Washington.

Family

- Spouse: Marian Washington (Billingslea) - College sweetheart
- Children: Alfred, Jr., Alvin, Veronica, Verna
- Siblings: Douglas Washington, Bernard Washington, Vera Ross
- Grandchildren: Calvin, Victor, Christopher, Alfred III, Aliya



Education

- Bachelor of Science in History, Tuskegee University, Tuskegee, AL 1964
- Juris Doctorate, Florida State University College of Law, Tallahassee, FL 1975

Employment

- Teacher: Lincoln Park High School
- Teacher: Ft. Pierce Central High Schools
- Instructor: Indian River Community College
- Public Defender: State of Florida 1974 - 1985
- Duval County Judge: 1985 - 1998

Professional Affiliations

- Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.
- Member: Phi Delta Phi (Legal Fraternity), Tallahassee, FL
- National Bar Association
- Jacksonville Bar Association
- Florida Bar Association
- Perkins Bar Association
- Masonic Lodge (32nd Degree)
- Broach Schools
- Tots and Teens Association

Homecoming

- May 21, 1998



Alfred Washington, Sr. Scholarship Rules and Guidelines

To be eligible to receive the 2021 Alfred Washington, Sr. Scholarship, the following rules apply:

1. Must be presently enrolled as a high school senior at a high school located in one of the Florida counties of Clay, Duval, Nassau or St. Johns.
2. Must have a minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA at the application deadline.
3. Demonstrate academic excellence and noteworthy community service.
4. One (1) scholarship per recipient will be awarded. The number of scholarship awards is at the sole discretion of the Blue Crescent Charities (BCC) scholarship committee.
5. The scholarships will be worth \$1,000 each and they are non-renewable. The award will be paid to the student in one payment at the beginning of either the fall or spring semester (whichever comes first) in which they first enroll.
6. The scholarship must be used at a college or university (trade schools are not allowed) with validated enrollment.
7. The BCC scholarship committee will judge the submitted scholarship applications and it is solely at the discretion of the BCC scholarship committee to make the determination of which applicants followed the guidelines as set forth in the application.
8. Finalists will be selected based on the application and attached documents. The scholarship recipient will be chosen and notified by **Monday, October 18, 2021**. The BCC scholarship committee reserves the right to conduct an interview of the finalists.
9. Scholarship checks will be mailed out to the student once enrollment verification is received (mid- to late-September at the earliest, depending on the institution).
10. **Winners will have sixty (60) days after the end of the school's add/drop period of the registered semester to provide proof of enrollment to BCC. If after that period, if proof of enrollment is not received, the scholarship will be rescinded.**

Complete the scholarship application form, including all attachments listed on the Scholarship Application Package Checklist below. Failure to follow the instructions will result in your application's disqualification.

Scholarship Application Package Checklist:

- ✓ Completed 2021 Alfred Washington, Sr. Scholarship application.
- ✓ 1,000-word minimum scholarship essay.
- ✓ Copy of high school transcript (**if SS# is on transcript, please strike it out**).
- ✓ Proof of community service hours (e.g., Florida Bright Futures Program Verification of Community Service log).
- ✓ Two letters of recommendation from a faculty or staff member (e.g., teacher, counselor, principal) who can assess your skills.
- ✓ Personal biography or resume.

Your completed application package should be time/date stamped by 11:59:59PM on **Friday, October 1, 2021** and emailed to: bluecrescentcharities@yahoo.com with "Alfred Washington, Sr. Scholarship Application" as the subject title.



2021 Alfred Washington, Sr. Scholarship Application

Please print clearly or type.

Part 1: General Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Student Phone: _____ Parent Phone: _____

Student Email Address: _____

Parent Email Address: _____

High School Information

Current High School: _____

Address: _____

Dates of Attendance: _____ to _____

GPA: _____ Expected Date of Graduation: _____

Part 2: Personal Biography (Submit as Separate Attachment)

Part 3: Essay (1,000 word minimum; double-spaced; typed; 12 point Times New Roman or Arial font)

Topic: "As you prepare for the next chapter of your life, what are some things that you have learned that molded you into the person you are today? From your experience, what advice can you give future generations that will assist them in the future?"



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Part 4: 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 Blue Crescent Charities, Inc. to check my academic transcript to verify my current cumulative GPA.

Applicant

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

NOTE: If selected, parent or guardian must accompany applicant to the scholarship breakfast.

Good luck!

