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The University Scholarship Fund

The University Scholarship Fund is an initiative to support students applying to both Grambling State University and Southern University. The fund will be distributed annually through the Bayou Classic event, providing financial assistance to two deserving students from Orleans Parish.

Eligibility

- Applicants must be current residents of Orleans Parish
- Applicants must have been accepted into either Grambling State University or Southern University for either Spring 2025, Summer 2025, or Fall 2025
- Must be a graduating high school senior or a GED recipient
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale
- Demonstrated financial need
- U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen

Scholarship Details

- Two scholarships will be awarded annually:
 1. One for an incoming student at Grambling State University
 2. One for an incoming student at Southern University
- Each scholarship will be disbursed directly to the recipient. Amount will be announced after funding raising efforts are completed.
- Applications are not allowed to apply for the University Scholarship Fund, if they have previously been awarded funds from this scholarship fund.

Application Process

Timeline

- Launch Date: October 28, 2024
- Application Deadline: November 8, 2024, 11:59 PM CST
- Selection Period: November 11-14, 2024
- Winners Identified: November 15, 2024
- Formal Announcement: November 30, 2024 (at the Bayou Classic football game)

How to Apply

1. Access the PDF Application at www.mybayouclassic.com under the News/Info section.
2. Complete the application form with contact details and additional documents
3. Submit required documents:
 - Proof of residence in Orleans Parish (e.g., utility bill, lease agreement, personal identification card or drivers license)
 - Official acceptance letter from Grambling State University or Southern University
 - Official high school transcripts (or GED equivalent)
 - i. Should include list of courses (AP/Honors)
 - Two letters of recommendation (one academic, one personal)
 - Two personal essays (No more than 750 words)
 - i. "How this scholarship will impact my educational journey and future goals"
 1. Discuss your academic and career aspirations
 2. Explain how this scholarship will help you achieve these goals
 3. Describe any challenges you've faced in pursuing your education and how you've overcome them
 - ii. "Describe a community issue that you're passionate about and how you plan to address it through your education and future career"
 1. Identify a specific issue affecting your community
 2. Explain why this issue is important to you
 3. Outline how your education and future career plans will enable you to make a positive impact on this issue
 - FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR)
 - Resume detailing extracurricular activities, academic awards, community service, work experience, and volunteer service with the amount of time dedicated to volunteering.

Application Submission Method

- **You must submit your application and required documents to the following email: connect@nocci.com by November 8, 2024, 11:59 PM CST**
- You will not be able to edit or update your application once submitted.
- Paper applications will not be accepted.

Winner Announcement and Recognition

- Winners will be notified privately on November 15, 2024
- Winners and their families will be invited to attend:
 1. Bayou Classic Battle of the Bands (Friday, November 29, 2024)
 2. Bayou Classic Football Game (Saturday, November 30, 2024)
- Formal public announcement will be made during the Bayou Classic football game on November 30, 2024 (exact time and details will be announced)
- Winners will be featured on Bayou Classic social media and on the scholarship fund's website

Contact Information

For any questions or concerns regarding the University Scholarship Fund, please contact:

Bayou Classic Scholarship Committee Email: connect@nocci.com