



## **Annual Scholarship Guidelines**

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The UCL Scholarship Program (UCL) was established in 2015 by the UCL Board of Directors. The University Consortium for Liberia (UCL) Scholarship program is open to Liberian students and/or students of Liberian descent pursuing a post-secondary education at a U.S. College or University. Priority will be given to students applying to a UCL college/university noted below who are considered Institutional Partners. The UCL Scholarship for Experiential Learning, Study Abroad, Faculty and Student Exchange programs will be announced at a later date, pursuant to funding availability.

### **Institutional Partners include:**

1. Savannah State University
2. Morehouse College
3. Georgia State University
4. Emory University
5. The University of Georgia
6. Fort Valley State University
7. Clark Atlanta University
8. Georgia Institution of Technology
9. Alabama State University
10. Georgia Gwinnett College
11. Tuskegee University
12. Morehouse School of Medicine
13. Kennesaw State University

Applicants must meet the criteria below:

### **Higher Education**

- The applicant is applying to or has been accepted into an academic program of study pursuing an undergraduate, graduate or Ph.D. program
- Student must be Liberian or of Liberian decent
- Applicant must have a minimum 3.0 GPA and submit an Academic Transcript
- Field of Study: Any Field of Study
- Complete the UCL Scholarship Application
- Provide 2 letters of Recommendation from any of the following: College Professor, Community Member/Faith Leader, or Current/Former Employer or Government Leader. (The writer of your letter(s) of recommendation should address Leadership Abilities and Potential) Letters of Recommendation should be e-mailed to the scholarship address with their name, contact info, and academic institution. The subject line should be 'Student Name' Reference Letter.
- Scholarship recipients who received a scholarship in the previous year, can apply annually.
- Copy of Passport must accompany application for international students and a copy of the F1 visa must accompany the application.



**Programmatic Groups: Study Abroad, Service Learning, Student Exchange (To be announced at a later date)**

- The applicant will participate in a study abroad program, service learning or student exchange program in the United States or the Republic of Liberia.
- Nationals and Residents of the United States must plan to study in the Republic of Liberia and the Residents and Nationals of the Republic of Liberia must plan to study in the United States for a minimum of 10 days.
- UCL Faculty and staff can apply and must submit a 2-page proposal describing the benefit to UCL
- Complete the UCL Scholarship Application
- Provide 2 letters of Recommendation from any of the following: College Professor, Community Member/Faith Leader, or Current/Former Employer or Government Leader. (The writer of your letter(s) of recommendation should address Leadership Abilities and Potential) Letters of Recommendation should be e-mailed to the scholarship address with contact info, the student name, and the academic institution. The subject line should be 'Student Name' Reference Letter.
- Student Applicant must have a minimum 3.0 GPA and submit an Academic Transcript
- Copy of Passport must accompany application for international students and identify what type of visa you currently have or will be applying for. The visa must be approved prior to scholarship being awarded.

**Student Government Association Experiential Learning (To be announced at a later date)**

- The applicant will participate in an Experiential Learning program in the U.S. or Liberia for a minimum of 10-days. Students involved in Student Government Associations are given priority consideration.
- Must be in good academic standing at an UCL Membership Institution with a minimum 3.0 GPA and submit an Academic Transcript
- Students must complete the UCL Student Government/Experiential Learning application and submit a 400-500 Word original essay. "Describe an experience from your past that greatly impacted your life. How did this occurrence shape the person you are today? What expectations do you have for your experience abroad and in what way do you think this experience will affect your personal and professional life."
- Must submit a letter of introduction and recommendation from the University President, Faculty or staff (The writer of your letter(s) of recommendation should address Leadership Abilities and Potential) Letters of Recommendation should be e-mailed to the scholarship address with their contact info, the student name, and the academic institution. The subject line should be 'Student Name' Reference Letter.)
- Copy of Passport must accompany application for international students and identify what type of visa you currently have or will be applying for.



**Scholarship Type and Amount:**

- 1 academic scholarship in Science Technology Engineering or Math (STEM)
- 1 academic scholarship in Athletics
- 1 academic scholarship in Liberal Arts
- 1 Joseph N. Boakai academic scholarship in General Studies
- 1 Experiential or Service Learning, Study Abroad or Student Exchange Scholarship (To be announced at a later date)

Scholarships will be awarded ranging from \$500 - \$1,000 to eligible candidates.

**Deadlines:**

UCL Scholarship Application Deadline – May 15, 2018

Study Abroad, Service Learning and Experiential Learning – To be announced at a later date.