



SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES and APPLICATION

The Scholarship Committee of the **Southeast Michigan Omega Foundation, Inc. (SMOFI)** is pleased to announce its annual scholarship opportunities (application is included—see pages 3-5). We need your help to identify students who meet the following requirements:

African-American male seniors who attend a public high school in Southeast Michigan and;

- Plan to attend an accredited 4-year College or University, beginning the current Fall Semester. **HBCU attendance is encouraged, but not required.**
- Have a minimum cumulative G.P.A. of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
- Demonstrate good character and possess evidence of leadership abilities.
- **Need financial assistance.** Qualified students with documented financial need will receive the highest funding priority.

In addition to the eligibility criteria above, applicants are required to submit:

- A color photograph of themselves (head shot is preferred).
- An **Official** High School Transcript with ACT and SAT scores.
- The Student Aid Report (SAR) from your completed Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- The completed scholarship application, including all supporting information.
- Two (2) Letters of Recommendation. One (1) from a school official **and** one (1) from a non-family member.
- The signed Applicant Certification and Photograph Release form (Page 5).

Application materials should be mailed to (together in a single envelope):

Southeast Michigan Omega Foundation, Inc.

Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 327
Southfield, MI 48037

Application materials must be mailed and **postmarked** by **March 15.**

Please share application materials with eligible students.

For questions call (734) 216-9522 or E-mail: marvinperry1@comcast.net. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Marvin R. Perry

Mr. Marvin R. Perry, Chairman
Scholarship Committee

Lee Oliphant

Mr. Lee Oliphant, Chairman
Southeast Michigan Omega Foundation, Inc.

ABOUT THE SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN OMEGA FOUNDATION, INC.

The Southeast Michigan Omega Foundation, Inc. (SMOFI) is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization that supports African American male youth—through its mentoring programs and college scholarships. The goal is to maximize their potential...from boys to Men. Originally organized in 1982 as the Detroit Omega Foundation, Inc.—Detroit, SMOFI is the result of a strategic merger including the Greater Ann Arbor Omega Foundation—Ann Arbor and the Omega C.A.R.E.S. Foundation—Southfield. Since January 2015, the Detroit Omega Foundation, Inc. (DOFI) is now doing business as the Southeast Michigan Omega Foundation, Inc. (SMOFI) and impacting the lives of students in Southeast Michigan.

ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

SMOFI scholarships awards are based on academic achievement, financial need and other relevant factors. Each scholarship award is \$1,250. All awards are for one year and may be renewed for up to three additional years—for a total award of four (4) years. The scholarships are awarded in recognition of three Members of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. who dedicate (or dedicated) their lives to education and outstanding achievement.

William A. McGill (March 27, 1923 – August 5, 2008)

William A. McGill attended Morehouse College and was initiated through Psi Chapter in 1946. He graduated from Morehouse College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science in 1947. He later received a Master of Arts degree from the University of Michigan and completed further studies at Wayne State University and the University of Michigan. Brother McGill retired after a stellar career of public service. He was the principal for Statesboro Junior High School—Statesboro, GA, and Political Science teacher at both Grambling State University and Wayne County Community College. He held numerous positions in the City of Detroit, Wayne County government and the State of Michigan. Brother McGill served Omega in many capacities during 60+ years of service. He was a past Basileus and Vice Basileus of Nu Omega Chapter—Detroit, MI. He served as Chairman of Nu Omega's UNCF pledge drive. During his tenure as National Alumni Council President and Detroit Inter-Alumni Council President, he raised over 22 million dollars for the UNCF/College Endowment Fund. William A. "Bill" McGill wore many hats throughout his life as a mentor, teacher, scholar, church trustee, administrator, fundraiser, friend and Brother. He provided life-long dedicated service and uplift of youth through education.

Sidney L. Moore (June 16, 1932 – May 20, 2008)

Sidney L. Moore earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Jackson State University—Jackson, Mississippi in 1953. After graduation, he enrolled in the U.S. Army Signal Corps where he served as a Cryptographic Specialist while stationed in Okinawa, Japan. Upon his return to the United States, Mr. Moore taught chemistry and general science at Magnolia High School in Moss Point, Mississippi until 1957 when he moved to Ann Arbor to attend the University of Michigan. Sidney Moore earned a Master of Science degree in Educational Psychology from the University of Michigan in 1959 and began a 38 year career as a teacher of mathematics and science at the University of Michigan Hospital Neuropsychiatric Institute. He became a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.—Upsilon Epsilon Chapter, in the Fall of 1950. On December 19, 1964 Sigma Rho Chapter was chartered in Ann Arbor, as a Graduate Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. One of sixteen (16) Charter Members, Brother Moore was elected as the first Chapter Basileus (President) and he remained an active community leader in the greater Ann Arbor area and an influential member of Sigma Rho Chapter for nearly 44 years. He was also a member of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity (the Boulé) and the National Council of Meridianites (Detroit Chapter).

Dr. Clarence B. Vaughn

Clarence B. Vaughn attended Benedict College in Columbia, South Carolina where he was a model student and President of his class. From 1951-1955, he attended Howard University to receive a Master of Science degree in Chemistry and then a Doctorate in Medicine in 1957. In 1965 he was awarded Doctorate of Philosophy degree in Physiological Chemistry at Wayne State University. In December of 1957 he was commissioned as first lieutenant in the medical corps of the U. S. Air Force Reserves. In June 1959, he entered active duty as Captain and was stationed at the Wright-Patterson AFB hospital in Ohio. In 1967, he was appointed medical Service Liaison Officer for Wayne State University. After serving as Colonel for a number of years, Dr. Clarence Vaughn was nominated for one of the military's highest honors, Brigadier General. Although he did not receive the promotion, because of age, he has flown over 844 hours in air crew status and was rated as a Chief Flight Surgeon. Dr. Clarence Vaughn was one of three who were pioneers of the first cancer research and treatment units in the city of Detroit. He is a world-renowned cancer specialist (oncologist), who helped to introduce new medicines and state-of-the art technology to the field of Oncology. Dr. Vaughn joined Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., in 1949—Epsilon Epsilon Chapter, where he served as the Basileus of his Chapter. Dr. Vaughn is currently an active member of Tau Kappa Kappa Chapter—Southfield, MI.

REQUIREMENTS

Family members of SMOFI Board of Directors are not eligible for SMOFI scholarship awards. Applicants should be **African-American male public high school seniors** who have been (or will be) accepted for admission to a 4-year accredited College or University—HBCU attendance is encouraged, but not required. **Proof of enrollment will be required before any funds are disbursed.** Scholarship recipients will be notified of their award on or before May 1. Recipients and/or a family representative are expected to attend our annual Scholarship Banquet (usually held on the 3rd Saturday in May). Failure to attend this banquet may result in forfeiture of the award.



SMOFI SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Application Instructions

Complete this application in its entirety. Include a color photograph—head shot is preferred. Please type, word process or **neatly** print in black ink—**items 1-7**, below. On separate sheets, type or word process (single sided, single spaced and use 12 point font size) the responses to **items 8-14**. Correct grammar, punctuation, sentence structure and word count is required. **Read, sign and submit** the **Applicant Certification and Photograph Release** form - Page 5. Submit your **Official** high school transcript. The **Official Transcript** must show your cumulative G.P.A. through seven (7) semesters with SAT and/or ACT scores. **Do not staple** individual sheets together. Label essays and arrange all documents in order, as listed in the Submission Checklist - Page 4. Mail your completed application with **all** supporting materials, together in **one** envelope—**postmarked by March 15**.

Applicant Information

1. _____

First Name
Middle Initial
Last Name
2. _____ () _____

Address
City
Zip Code
County
Phone Number
3. _____

E-mail Address
 U.S. Citizenship Other (specify) _____
4. _____

Name of High School
City
County
Graduation Date
Cumulative GPA
5. College/University you plan to attend _____

Name
City/State
6. Anticipated Major _____

7. Parent/Guardian Information

Mother's Name:	Father's Name:
Street Address:	Street Address:
City: State: Zip:	City: State: Zip:
Occupation:	Occupation:
Employer:	Employer:
Home Phone Work Phone () ()	Home Phone Work Phone () ()
Annual Income from all sources* \$ _____	Annual Income from all sources* \$ _____

*Income verification is required.



8. Write an introductory statement about yourself—tell us who you are. Include family values, short-term goals and where you see yourself in five years. (no more than **400 words**)
9. **Manhood** – Give two examples of instances when you took responsibility for your actions or for decisions that you made—good or bad. (no more than **250 words**)
10. **Scholarship** – What is your career goal? Why have you chosen this field? Explain the process for choosing your college/university for this career. (no more than **250 words**)
11. **Perseverance** – Describe, in detail, a significant obstacle in your life that you have had to overcome. (no more than **250 words**)
12. **Uplift** – What needs to be done to make life better in the community you live and how do you plan to contribute? (no more than **250 words**)
13. **Extracurricular Activities, Honors & Awards, Leadership Positions and Work Experience** – Provide a summary sheet of your extracurricular activities, honors, community service, leadership positions held and/or work experience for the current and previous school year. Include specific details, i.e. organization/activity/honor, date(s), position(s) held, responsibilities, etc.
14. **Financial Need** – Submit the **first page** of the Student Aid Report (SAR) from your completed **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** that shows your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) **or** provide the **first page** of your parent's/guardian's current tax year **IRS tax form 1040**. Qualified students with documented financial need will receive the highest funding priority. If applicable, please describe any unusual circumstance(s) creating the basis of your financial need for this scholarship.

Provide **two (2) Letters of Recommendation**. One (1) from a school official **and** one (1) from a non-family member. Each letter should include:

- How you know the applicant and the length of time you have known the applicant.
- A description of the applicant's strengths and weaknesses.
- A discussion of why you believe the applicant has the ability to succeed in college/university.
- Reference Information – printed name, original signature and contact information.

Submission Checklist

All items must be submitted for the application to be considered. Please verify that you have included:

- Color Photograph*
- Official Transcript with SAT and/or ACT scores*
- First page of Student Aid Report (SAR) from your FAFSA that shows Expected Family Contribution (EFC) or First page of Parent's current tax year IRS tax form 1040*
- Completed Application (items 1-7)*
- Typed Essays and Supplementary Documents (items 8-14)*
- Two (2) Letters of Recommendations (school official and non-family member)*
- Signed Applicant Certification and Photograph Release (Page 5)*

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Mr. Marvin R. Perry
(734) 216-9522
E-mail: marvinperry1@comcast.net



APPLICANT CERTIFICATION and PHOTOGRAPH RELEASE

(Required for all applicants and parents/guardians)

Applicant Certification

- If requested, I agree to be available to participate in an interview with the Scholarship Committee.
- As part of this application, I authorize school personnel and/or other individuals to provide data or information about me directly to the Southeast Michigan Omega Foundation, Inc. and to waive the right to review any such submissions.
- I understand that falsification of information may result in termination of the granted scholarship and result in having to return any disbursed scholarship funds.
- I understand that I may be asked to verify any income information, provided in this application.
- I agree that the Southeast Michigan Omega Foundation, Inc. has permission to use general (non-financial) information provided in this application, for publicity purposes.
- I understand that all information provided in this application will remain in the possession of the Southeast Michigan Omega Foundation, Inc.
- I understand that, if selected, I must provide **proof of College/University enrollment** prior to receiving a scholarship award.
- It is my intent to enroll in and complete a degree program at a 4-year accredited college or university and maintain good academic standing as required by the Southeast Michigan Omega Foundation, Inc. I understand that, if selected, I may be required to maintain a certain G.P.A. to receive ongoing scholarship payments. I will keep the Southeast Michigan Omega Foundation, Inc. informed of my academic status—as requested.
- I understand that, if selected, the scholarship award will be used for college expenses for the current school year.

Photograph Release

I/We, _____ (Parent/Guardian), as parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of (Applicant's Name) _____, give permission for the Southeast Michigan Omega Foundation, Inc. (SMOFI) to publish on the Internet or other media, still photographs or moving images; including if applicable, any sound recordings accompanying the images taken of my child during the SMOFI Scholarship Awards Banquet (and/or image(s) provided in this scholarship application) without payment or any consideration and without notifying me. I/We understand and agree that these images will become the property of SMOFI, which shall have complete ownership of the images. I hereby irrevocably authorize SMOFI to publish and/or distribute these images for the purpose of publicizing scholarship programming and for any other lawful related purpose. In addition, I waive any right to inspect or approve the finished product wherein my child's likeness appears. Additionally, I waive any rights to royalties or other compensation arising out of or related to the use of the images.

By signing below, we read, understand and affirm all of the information on this page. We further certify that all of the information provided in this application is truthful, accurate and complete to the best of our knowledge.

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Signature date

Applicant Signature date