Formation Scholars Award CRITERIA

The scholarship is open to all incoming, current, and graduate students pursuing a degree in the following disciplines of study:

AFRICAN-AMERICAN STUDIES

Including but not limited to: African Studies, African-American Studies, Women's Studies, Philanthropy, Social Responsibility

BUSINESS

Including but not limited to: Accounting, Entrepreneurship, Finance, Healthcare Management, Human Resources Management, Information Systems Management, International Business, Marketing, Public Administration

COMMUNICATIONS

Including but not limited to: Advertising, Global, Health, Intercultural, Interpersonal, Journalism, Marketing, Media and Digital Media, Public Relations

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Including but not limited to: Artificial Intelligence, Bio-computation, Computer Engineering, Graphics, Human-Computer Interaction, Information, Systems, Theory, or Unspecialized.

CREATIVE ARTS

Including but not limited to: Theater Arts, Film, Fashion Design, Painting, Photography, Sculpture, Interior Design, Graphic Design, Electronic Studio, Ceramics, Videography, Acting, Dancing, Video Production, Theatre Arts Administration, Theater Technology

EDUCATION

Including but not limited to: Child Development, Early Childhood Education, Secondary Education, Educational Leadership, Masters in Education, Social Work, Special Education, Music Education

ENGINEERING

Including but not limited to all engineering sub-disciplines and interdisciplinary subject that are derived from concentrations, combinations, or extensions of the major engineering branches.

LITERATURE

Including but not limited to: Poetry, Creative Writing, English, African American Literature, Linguistics

MUSIC

Including but not limited to: Composition, Music + Business, Music History, Music Education, Musical Theater, Music Therapy, Performance, Arranging, Conduction, Film Scoring, Songwriting

SCIENCE

Including but not limited to: Astronomy, Bio-Chemistry, Biology, Chemistry, Environment Science, Human Development & Family Sciences, Human Ecology, Mathematics, Medical Laboratory Science, Neuroscience, Nutritional Sciences, Physics, Public Health, Textiles & Apparel, Pre-Med

SOCIAL SCIENCES

Including but not limited to: Anthropology, Economics, Geography, History, Political Science, International Relations/Affairs, Ethnic Studies, Philosophy, Pre-Law, Psychology, Sociology Students must hold a 3.5 GPA or above. For students to be applicable, they must present proof of work in the field of study (essays, past assignments, portfolios, etc.). Incoming students must provide school assignments that demonstrate their interest in their desired field. Writing samples need not be published works.

Each student must submit a 1000-word essay about one African or African-American thought leader in their field who has inspired them to achieve their goals (educational, professional, and/or community driven). The essay must also include how they plan to contribute to history through their own life's work.

Deadline for application: The application process begins on May 1st and ends on May 31, 2018.