



**Uplift Incorporated**  
**2025 Book Scholarship Application**  
**(Application may be reproduced.)**

**Deadline: March 14, 2025**

The Uplift Incorporated (EKK Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity of Canton, MS) has long been a proponent of academic excellence as evidenced by its generous financial donation to college bound high school seniors who have demonstrated excellence in academic, achievement, leadership, and community service.

This year: Uplift Incorporated is preparing to award three (3) book scholarships (1<sup>st</sup> place - \$500, 2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$300 and 3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$200).

These book scholarships are for College or Trade School Bound High School seniors in the **Canton Public School System** and the **Madison County School System** ONLY.

The scholarship application, criteria, and other information required to qualify are included in this package. The Grading Rubric is also provided on page 2.

If you have additional questions or concerns regarding these scholarships, please contact Mr. Frank Branch at [fbranch3815@gmail.com](mailto:fbranch3815@gmail.com)

**NOTE** – Application **DEADLINE** is March 14, 2025 and can be returned by **EMAILING** everything back to Mr. Frank Branch at [fbranch3815@gmail.com](mailto:fbranch3815@gmail.com) or Mr. Dwight Rawls at [dwrawls0906@gmail.com](mailto:dwrawls0906@gmail.com)

**NOTE: Five (5) applications MUST be received by the deadline or THIS SCHOLARSHIP will be CANCELLED.**

## APPLICATION PACKET CHECKLIST AND MAXIMUM POINTS:

1. \_\_\_\_ **TYPED or PRINTED Application and Student Academic Profile - (5%)**
2. \_\_\_\_ **ACCEPTANCE LETTER - (5%)**
3. \_\_\_\_ **FAMILY PROFILE - (5%)**
4. \_\_\_\_ **Transcript, ACT or SAT score report and recommendation statement signed by your High School counselor. - (15%)**
5. \_\_\_\_ **AWARDS AND HONORS - (15%)**
6. \_\_\_\_ **SCHOOL ACTIVITIES - (15%)**
7. \_\_\_\_ **COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTEER SERVICE ACTIVITIES - (15%)**
8. \_\_\_\_ **BOOK SCHOLARSHIP NARRATIVE - (10%)**
9. \_\_\_\_ **COLLEGE EXPERIENCE/EDUCATION NARRATIVE - (10%)**
10. \_\_\_\_ **RELEASE/AGREEMENT - (5%)**

**NOTE #1: TOTAL POINTS:** \_\_\_\_\_ **NOTE:** The highest number of points that any applicant can earn is 100.

**REMEMBER:** you **MUST EMAIL COMPLETED** application and Counselor's information to: [fbranch3815@gmail.com](mailto:fbranch3815@gmail.com) or [dwrawls0906@gmail.com](mailto:dwrawls0906@gmail.com)

All Awardees will be presented with a SCHOLARSHIP AWARD LETTER by mail and will be recognized on high school Award, Class or Senior Day/Night, **IF POSSIBLE.**

**NOTE #2: The MONETARY AWARD will be presented to Awardees after PROOF OF FALL ENROLLMENT in a post-secondary college or trade school in AUGUST 2025.**

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**Postmarked Deadline – March 14, 2025.**

# **Uplift Incorporated Book Scholarship Application**

This application is for **College or Trade School Bound** High School seniors in the **Canton** Public School System and the **Madison County** School System.

**No Attachments, EXCEPT the school counselor's recommendation, transcript, ACT and/or SAT score report and Acceptance letter from your TOP College or Trade School. Everything else must be concisely completed in the assigned fields within this original document.**

Information **MUST** be **Typed** Legibly and **Completely**.

**Only the Awardees will be notified. Postmarked Deadline is Friday, March 14, 2025.**

## **1. STUDENT BIOGRAPHICAL PROFILE**

Name: Last: \_\_\_\_\_ First: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: Mississippi Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## **2. STUDENT ACADEMIC PROFILE - (5%)**

- High School of attendance: \_\_\_\_\_
- Class Day/Night program: Month \_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_
- Planned College/University or Trade School: \_\_\_\_\_
- Major: \_\_\_\_\_

## **3. Acceptance letter - (5%)**

## **4. FAMILY PROFILE - (5%)**

Father's (Guardian) Name: Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mother's (Guardian) Name: Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## **5. The information requested below will be obtained from your HS Counselor's Information: (15%)**

- ✓ Transcript showing Grade Point Average
- ✓ Class Ranking
- ✓ ACT or SAT Score Report
- ✓ Counselor's **Recommendation** Statement

## 6. AWARDS AND HONORS - (15%)

List your TOP FIVE (5) Awards and Honors in which you have received during your junior and senior years (*e.g. National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, Star Student, Scholastic honors, Winner of National or Statewide Competition(s), etc.*). Indicate special awards and honors. List leadership positions and offices held. Check year(s) during which you participated in school activities. All information must be contained within this table, **No Attachments.**

Activity	School Sponsor/ Advisor	Sponsor's Phone Number	Special Awards/ Honors	Offices Held	Junior Year	Senior Year
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## 7. SCHOOL ACTIVITIES - (15%)

List your TOP FIVE (5) school activities in which you have participated in during your junior and senior years (*e.g. student government, clubs, music, sports, JROTC, etc.*). Indicate special awards and honors. List leadership positions and offices held. Check year(s) during which you participated in school activities. All information must be contained within this table, **No Attachments.**

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## 8. COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTEER SERVICE ACTIVITIES - (15%)

List your TOP FIVE (5) community and volunteer activities in which you have participated or recognition for outstanding achievement or service without pay during your junior and senior years (*e.g. Red Cross, Big Brother/Big Sister, youth group, church, volunteer at a nursing home, Habitat for Humanity, etc.*). Indicate special awards and honors. Check year(s) during which you participated. All information must be contained within this table, **No Attachments.**

<b>Service Organization</b>	<b>Contact Person's Name</b>	<b>Contact's Phone Number</b>	<b>Special Awards/ Honors</b>	<b>Offices Held</b>	<b>Junior Year</b>	<b>Senior Year</b>
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**9. Complete a narrative stating how you see this Book Scholarship helping you. - (10%)**

**10. Complete a narrative stating what do you expect to gain from your college or trade school experience and education? - (10%)**

**RELEASE/AGREEMENT - (5%)**

**11. I acknowledge the information given in this application to be the truth. I grant the use of my name and other information provided in this application for purposes of news, publicity, publication, and all current and future promotions of this scholarship program.**

**Applicant Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Signature (If under 18)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_