

# AABE MS Chapter – 2025 Annual Scholarship

## ABOUT AABE



## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

The American Association of Blacks in Energy (AABE) is a professional association of African Americans in various energy fields, including utilities, industry, and government. AABE's mission is to provide direct input into the deliberation, and development, of energy policies, regulations, emerging technologies, and environmental issues.

Scholarship award amounts vary across the organization. Your completed application could receive one, or more, of the following awards.

- National Award of \$5000
- Regional Award of \$3000
- Local Chapter Award(s) of \$1000

- Academic average of “B” or better (3.0 on a 4.0 scale)
- Graduating high school senior enrolling in the Fall ‘25 semester of an accredited college or university located in MS.
- Major in business, or one of the STEM fields in preparation for a career in the energy sector.
- Historically underrepresented minority
- We recommend you apply by April 1, 2025, to ensure your submission is properly completed.

## Mississippi Chapter – 2025 AABE National & Regional Scholarship

**Please submit applications and inquiries to [aabe.mschapter@gmail.com](mailto:aabe.mschapter@gmail.com)**



# Parent and Student Handbook

## Scholarship Program

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## Parent and Student Handbook

### Purpose

The American Association of Blacks in Energy is a professional association composed of African Americans in the energy industry. Through its Scholarship Program, the Association seeks to help increase the number of African Americans, Hispanics and Native Americans (underrepresented minorities) in energy related fields. By doing so, we help our nation address a critical need and a challenge to our future economic vitality in the world market.

### Eligibility

To be eligible for a new scholarship, all four (4) of the following requirements must be met:

1. The student must have an unweighted academic average of "B" or better (3.0 on a 4.0 scale).
2. The student must be a graduating high school senior who intends to enroll the next semester following high school graduation in an accredited college or university.
3. The student must plan to major in business, one of the physical sciences, technology, engineering or mathematic fields in preparation for a career in the energy sector.
4. The student must be one of the historically underrepresented minorities in the sciences, technology, engineering and math related disciplines. (African American, Hispanic or Native American)

### Selection

Scholarship recipients - known as AABE Scholars - are determined each spring by the organization's local chapter scholarship committee for local scholarships and by the National Scholarship Committee for national scholarships. Recipients will receive notification of their selection.

### Awards

Individual chapters of the American Association of Blacks in Energy have different awards and awarding amounts. The top candidates from each chapter will compete for a \$3,000 Regional and a \$5,000 National Award. The "Rufus D. Gladney" Premier Award of \$5,000 is given annually for a maximum of four years to the candidate who is judged to demonstrate the most outstanding achievement and promise. The Mississippi Chapter of AABE will award scholarships of \$1,000. The top winner's application will compete for a Southwest Regional Award of \$3,000 (The Southwest Region is one of six AABE Regions).

### The Application Package

Consideration will be given only to candidates submitting complete application packages which include: (1) a completed AABE application form (copies are acceptable); (2) an official high school transcript; (3) a complete essay that has been proofread for typing error, grammar, structure, organization, content and clarity; (4) official proof of ACT or SAT scores; (5) two letters of reference; and (6) a completed checklist. Please include a picture of yourself to be used when winners are announced. Also please redact Social Security Numbers from any documents.



## AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF BLACKS IN ENERGY

Complete application packages MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN **April 1, 2025** and submitted to the local AABE chapter listed below. Applications returned to the AABE national office or the National Scholarship Committee is in violation of procedures and will not be considered for scholarship support.

Mail Application to: AABE – MS Chapter  
Attn: Scholarship Committee  
P O Box 986  
Jackson, MS 39205

In lieu of mailing, complete application packages may also be scanned (.pdf) and emailed (by the due date) to the following email address:

[aabe.mschapter@gmail.com](mailto:aabe.mschapter@gmail.com)

NOTE: Files larger than 2.5 MB may need to be zipped or reduced to ensure delivery.

Please remember that in applying and if accepting a scholarship, you have agreed on the application to the below statements in the Certification Signature Section.

- ✓ I certify that the information provided on the application and all supporting documentation submitted at any time is true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if I give information that is not true or if I withhold information and my student(s) receive a scholarship for which they are not eligible, the scholarship will be denied or revoked.
- ✓ I have an unweighted academic average of "B" or better (3.0 on a 4.0 scale).
- ✓ I am graduating high school senior who intends to enroll next semester in a n accredited college or university.
- ✓ I will major in business, one of the physical sciences, technology, engineering or mathematic fields.
- ✓ I am one of the underrepresented minorities (African Americans, Hispanic or Native Americans) in the sciences and related areas of technology.
- ✓ I have submitted a completed AABE application form (copies are acceptable).
- ✓ I have attached an official current high school transcript. (Note: Please provide proof of the unweighted GPA to be included in transcripts)
- ✓ I have composed the requested essay and it has been proofread for typing errors, grammar, structure, organization, content and clarity.
- ✓ I have attached a copy of the official record of my ACT and/or SAT scores.
- ✓ I have attached two (2) letters of reference.
- ✓ I have additional sheets, as needed, to list all my school and community extracurricular activities.
- ✓ My name appears on ALL attachments



### Renewing Scholarship Eligibility

The Rufus D. Gladney National Scholarship is renewable for up to four years. In order to receive the next installment, all three (3) of the following requirements must be met:

1. The student must maintain an academic average of 3.0 or better.
2. The student must have completed a minimum of 2 semesters prior to requesting the next installment.
3. The student's major must be in the business or one of the physical sciences, technology, engineering or mathematic fields.

### Scholarship Awarding Procedure and Payments

National Awards are made to the students upon presentation of proof of enrollment at an accredited college or university at the discretion of the National Office. Distribution of local chapter awards are made at the discretion of the local chapter upon proof of enrollment at an accredited college or university. The check will be made payable in the student's name.

### Loss of Renewable Scholarship

The Rufus D. Gladney Scholarship will not be renewed if any of the following occurs:

1. Student does not complete two (2) concurrent semesters.
2. Student withdraws from school.
3. Student changes majors to an uncovered field of study.
4. Student does not maintain a 3.0 grade average.

### Change of Contact Information

If there is a change of address, telephone, cell phone or E-mail address, the student must immediately notify the Association. You can reach us at:

[aabe.mschapter@gmail.com](mailto:aabe.mschapter@gmail.com)

## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First M.I.

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: M\_\_ F\_\_

Ethnicity: African-American \_\_\_\_ Native-American \_\_\_\_ Hispanic \_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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### Parent(s)/Guardian

Father \_\_\_\_\_  
Name

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_  
Name

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

OR

Guardian \_\_\_\_\_  
Name

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian's Relationship to Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Email address of parent or guardian \_\_\_\_\_

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College(s) to which you have applied: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Where accepted? \_\_\_\_\_

Intended major \_\_\_\_\_ Expected date of enrollment \_\_\_\_\_

Total score for ACT \_\_\_\_\_ or SAT \_\_\_\_\_ Date of examination \_\_\_\_\_

Critical Reading score \_\_\_\_\_ Math score \_\_\_\_\_ Writing score \_\_\_\_\_

Overall academic unweighted GPA \_\_\_\_\_ on a 4.0 scale

Name of high school presently attending:

\_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Expected date of graduation \_\_\_\_\_

Counselors Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

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Extracurricular Activities in Which You Are Presently Active:

1. School Activities \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Community Activities \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Offices Held and Honors Received \_\_\_\_\_

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On a separate sheet, in 500 words or less (typed, doubled-spaced), please type a concise essay addressing the following prompt: Reflect on someone who has inspired you to get into the energy field. How have they motivated you to pursue a career in energy? What will be your contribution to the energy industry?

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Please give the names, addresses and telephone numbers of two references, other than members of your family:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby state that the information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Photo Release and Consent Form**

I hereby consent to the use of my photographic image and/or name by the American Association of Blacks in Energy (AABE®) in any printed form or on any website or social media application of the Association. I further agree that the Association is free to select any photographs without consultation with me.

I understand that I am donating the photograph and that there will be no payment or compensation for the photograph or its use. In giving my consent, I agree that I shall not bring or file any complaints, claims, or causes of action of any kind against, and release, the American Association of Blacks in Energy for any matter in connection with the use of my photograph or name.

Print Full Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Legal Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \*: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Parent/Guardian Signature is required if subject is a minor.



<p>American Association of Blacks in Energy Scholarship Application Checklist</p>
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The following is a list of qualifications and items that MUST be submitted in order for a scholarship application to be considered. Every candidate must be able to check each line.

As a candidate for the AABE scholarship program, I affirm the following:

- \_\_\_ I have an unweighted academic average of "B" or better (3.0 on a 4.0 scale).
- \_\_\_ I am a graduating high school senior who intends to enroll next semester in an accredited college or university.
- \_\_\_ I will major in business, one of the physical sciences, technology, engineering or mathematics fields.
- \_\_\_ I am one of the underrepresented minorities (African American, Hispanic or Native American) in the sciences and related area of technology.
- \_\_\_ I have submitted a completed AABE application form (copies are acceptable).
- \_\_\_ I have attached an **official** current high school transcript. (Note: Please provide proof of the unweighted GPA to be included in transcripts)
- \_\_\_ I have composed the requested essay and it has been proofread for typing errors, grammar, structure, organization, content and clarity.
- \_\_\_ I have attached a copy of the **official** record of my ACT and/or SAT scores.
- \_\_\_ I have attached two (2) letters of reference.
- \_\_\_ I have additional sheets, as needed, to list all of my school and community extracurricular activities.
- \_\_\_ My name appears on ALL attachments.
- \_\_\_ I have attached a current photo of myself. *\*\*Photographs of the students are not required, but are used when winners are announced*

Your signature below signifies you have checked each line above and therefore affirm each statement. After signing, attach this form to the front of your application. Applications will not be reviewed without the checklist attached. Any omissions or misrepresentations of the truth will be grounds for disqualification.

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Student's Name (PRINT) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name (PRINT)
Date

Student's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_