

# **OKLAHOMA AFRICAN AMERICAN EDUCATORS HALL OF FAME, Inc.**

## **Educational Scholarship for Teachers**

### **Mission Statement**

The Oklahoma African American Educators Hall of Fame, Inc. (OAAE HOF) provides a platform for the educational community in Oklahoma to recognize, explore, and celebrate the unique history of African American education. It honors the outstanding careers of African American educators, secures private contributions and endowments, and obtains public and private grants and funds to promote the goals and mission of the organization.

### **Purpose of Scholarship**

The State of Oklahoma has benefited from the contributions of exceptional African American educators. The Oklahoma African American Educators Hall of Fame, Inc. aims to continue this legacy of excellence in Black educational service. To support this goal, we will provide a yearly financial award to African American Teacher Education Majors during their sophomore year at an accredited Oklahoma public or private college or university, encouraging them to pursue their aspirations of becoming professional educators.

### **Qualifications**

The award will be granted to two (2) college students who have achieved at least sophomore status and are selected from the pool of applicants. These students must have maintained a minimum grade point average of 2.70 at an accredited public or private Oklahoma institution of higher learning and have demonstrated outstanding scholastic and civic achievements during their college years. Individuals chosen for this honor will exemplify the qualities of character and scholarship that align with the mission of the Oklahoma African American Educators Hall of Fame, Inc. The selection will be based solely on the students' application and the scholarship criteria.

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**Scholarship Amount**

OAAE HOF will award two (2) \$2,000 scholarships annually after applying all other institutional financial aid to the student's account. The recipients must present proof of their enrollment as college students in their junior year and acceptance into an accredited Teacher Education program at a public or private Oklahoma institution of higher learning to the Scholarship Selection Committee. OAAE HOF will pay the scholarship directly to the student's financial aid account.

**Scholarship Selection Committee**

Five (5) members from the Oklahoma African Educators Hall of Fame, Inc. Board of Directors or Committee members will form the Scholarship Selection Committee. The Committee will set the application submission deadlines. After reviewing the applications, the Committee will recommend candidates to the full Board of Directors

**Recognition**

The OAAE HOF will honor the scholarship recipient at the annual induction ceremony, which takes place on the last Friday of September each year at a designated location. This year, the Fifteenth Induction Ceremony will be held on October 9, 2026, at the Grand Casino in Shawnee, Oklahoma.

**OKLAHOMA AFRICAN AMERICAN EDUCATORS HALL OF FAME, Inc.**  
**Educational Scholarship for Teachers Application**

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

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Instructions**

1. Complete the nomination form.
2. Attach a vita or resume (include)
  - a. Educational experience and years completed
  - b. Professional Affiliations/Professional Experiences
  - c. Community involvement
  - d. Honors/Awards/Special Recognition
  - e. Brief biography including date of birth and birthplace
  - f. Contact information of two professional references
3. Submit two letters of nomination describing how you meet the criteria for this honor.
4. Submit college/university transcripts.

**Please submit all applications to**  
**Scholarship Committee**  
**c/o Dr. Donnie L. Nero Sr.**  
**Oklahoma African American Educators Hall of Fame, Inc.**  
**421 East Main Street**  
**Clearview, OK 74880-9212**