



## ***2023 Palmer Fund Book Scholarship Program***

### ***Statement of Purpose:***

The Palmer Fund, Inc. was developed to honor the late Charles H. Palmer, Jr. and to exemplify his passion for education, and the further development of students. The primary goal of the fund is to develop programs that foster strong positive family relationships and mentoring of young people in order to improve academic success and community contributions. As one of the funds key initiatives, book scholarships will be provided to selected applicants within the Howard County School System.

### ***General Scholarship Eligibility***

- ***Must attend a public high school in Howard County, MD***
- ***Must be a high school senior graduating in 2023***
- ***Must plan to enter an accredited two or four-year University as a fulltime freshman for the Academic Year 2023-2024***

### ***Selection Criteria***

All applicants for the Palmer Fund Book Scholarship will be evaluated upon their ability to achieve both academically, athletically, and an integral part of their local community. The applicant's career and educational aspirations will be evaluated along with the response to one 500-word essay question. Optional letters of recommendation will also be reviewed. All Applications and supporting documents should be forwarded to the Palmer Fund Scholarship Committee in the original sealed envelope. Each application will be reviewed by the members of the Scholarship Committee.

### ***For Further Information:***

Further information can be obtained from the Palmer Fund website at: [www.palmerfund.org](http://www.palmerfund.org) or by e-mailing: [palmerfund@comcast.net](mailto:palmerfund@comcast.net).

## Application Procedures

- ◆ The attached application form should be completed in its entirety.
- ◆ Completed application packets should be scanned and sent via e-mail to [palmerfund@comcast.net](mailto:palmerfund@comcast.net) or by US mail to:

**The Palmer Fund Inc.,  
P.O. Box 6125, Columbia, MD 21045  
Attn: Book Scholarship Committee**

### **APPLICATION DEADLINE March 23, 2023**

**The following documents MUST be provided with your completed application form:**

- **An Official High School Transcript reflecting the cumulative grade point average, official school signature, and official school seal. The transcript must be in a separate sealed envelope within the application package.**
- **Optional Letters of Recommendation: Please provide letters of recommendation from a teacher, or other staff at the high, as well as from an organization verifying community service involvement. All recommendation letters must be on the organization's official letterhead, and contain an original signature. (Persons writing recommendations must specify their relationship or capacity in which they have observed the applicant.)**
- **Autobiographic Sketch: Provide a one-page autobiographic sketch including: academic/career goals, community service involvement, and any athletic involvement. Please highlight any leadership position in each activity.**
- **Essay Question: Provide a typewritten response in 500 words or less to the following question: *How have your family circumstances influenced your current educational goals?***
- **Signatures: Scholarship application must be contain an original signature of the applicant and parent/guardian.**

**APPLICANT INFORMATION****(please print or type all information)**

Name:

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Last First MI

Date of Birth:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Gender:  Male  Female

Home Address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address/Apt. Number\_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip Code

Home Phone:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Area Code/Number

Cellular Phone:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Area Code/Number

E-Mail Address:

**SCHOOL INFORMATION**

Name of High School:

\_\_\_\_\_  
School Address:\_\_\_\_\_  
Address City, State, & Zip Code

School Phone Number:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Counselor's Name:\_\_\_\_\_  
Expected Date of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative GPA \_\_\_\_\_ No. Ranking in Class \_\_\_\_\_

**FAMILY INFORMATION**

Name of Parent/ Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

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

(Street Address, Apt. Number) (City/State/Zip Code)

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Area Code/Number

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Area Code/Number

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Area Code/Number

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Highest Level of Education completed: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent/ Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

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

(Street Address, Apt. Number) (City/State/Zip Code)

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Area Code/Number

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Area Code/Number

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Area Code/Number

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Highest Level of Education completed: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

List all honors and awards that you have received during high school. Please include dates and a description of the award(s). (Use additional sheets as needed)

Award/Recognition Date Received  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

List all extracurricular activities (athletic, school organizations and community organizations) that you have participated in during high school. Please include a description of activities, positions held, and dates involved. (Use additional sheets as needed)

Activity Position Held/Duties Dates

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

**WORK HISTORY**

List any work history (including internships) that you have. Please include the dates of employment, name of organization, and position held. (Use additional sheets as needed)

Organization Position Held/Duties Dates

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

**COLLEGE INFORMATION**

List the colleges/universities to which you have applied for fall admission. (Use additional sheets as needed)

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Proposed

Major: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE PRINT or TYPE ALL INFORMATION**

**CERTIFICATIONS**

Please indicate by your signatures (**original signatures only**) below that you certify that the statements are correct.

I certify that all information provided is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge. I give the Palmer Fund, Inc., Incorporated permission to verify any information contained in my information package, as necessary. I understand that misrepresentation of any information or the submission of inaccurate or incomplete information will result in disqualification to be considered for a scholarship or forfeiture of any award that I may receive.

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(Applicant Signature) (Month/Date/Year)

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(Parent/Guardian Signature) (Month/Date/Year)

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**FOR COMMITTEE USE ONLY:**

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

Date Review Completed: \_\_\_\_\_