Psi Alpha Alpha Chapter
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.
c/o Brandon Nzekwe
P.O. Box 30876
Alexandria, Virginia 22310-0876

November 17, 2026

Dear Scholarship Applicant:

Psi Alpha Alpha Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. appreciates your interest and invites your participation in our scholarship program for the Bernie L. Bates Memorial Scholarship. It is critical that you follow all instructions, provide all requested information, and return your completed application via the provided website or email address (below) by **March 14, 2027**. Applications that are not in our possession or postmarked by the deadline will not be considered for review and are automatically disqualified. All local chapters of the Fraternity are conducting a scholarship program, so opportunities to win a scholarship are plentiful; however, **applicants for the Bernie L. Bates Memorial Scholarships must be residents of Fairfax County or Arlington County, Virginia. You must be a college-bound high school senior to apply.**

All applicants will be interviewed on either April 17th, April 18th, April 24th, or April 25th, 2027. Interview locations and further coordination will be announced later.

For all our prospective scholarship recipients, it is highly recommended that you attend our Annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony in your honor (time, location, and format TBD). This will allow us the opportunity to personally honor your achievements in the presence of your parents and our chapter members.

Please direct any questions to Dr. Brandon Nzekwe at scholarship@psiaa.org

We commend your interest in our scholarship program. As you prepare for your collegiate career, we encourage you to take advantage of every potential opportunity to ensure your future success.

Sincerely,

Dr. Brandon Nzekwe
Scholarship Committee Chairman
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Bernie L. Bates Memorial Scholarship

Application for Award of Scholarship

Founders:
Frank Coleman, Oscar J. Cooper, Ernest E. Just, and Edgar A. Love (Deceased)

Bernie Leroy Bates

Bernie Leroy Bates was born on April 8, 1944, in Asheville, North Carolina to Mr. and Mrs. Otis Bush. He attended grade school and high school in High Point, North Carolina. In 1971, he married Patricia Parker. From that marriage, two sons were born: Bernie, Jr., and Belton Parker. Bernie Bates was initiated into the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. on April 6, 1963, through Alpha Chapter, Howard University, Washington, DC.

Brother Bates enlisted in the United States Army on May 18, 1965. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant upon completion of Infantry Officer Candidate School in 1967 and was immediately detailed to service in the Military Intelligence Branch.

In 1972, he graduated from Howard University, with a degree in Political Science. While at Howard University, and after graduation, he remained extremely active in the fraternity. He received his Law degree from George Washington University, Washington, DC, in 1975 and transferred to the Judge Advocate General's Corps, of the United States Army in 1976. He was admitted to the Bar of the District of Columbia and also maintained membership in the National Bar Association and the American Bar Association.

As a career military officer, Brother Bates attained the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. His military assignments included: the Defense Language Institute of Monterey, California where he studied Mandarin Chinese and combat in the Republic of South Vietnam. He also served at Fort Meade, MD, Fort Holabird, MD, Fort Bragg, NC, in the Republic of Germany, and in the Military District of Washington, DC.

Lieutenant Colonel Bates earned military awards and decorations which included: Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, and Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Parachutist Badge, Army Service Ribbon and Overseas Ribbon.

Bernie L. Bates, loving Husband, Father, Son, Brother, and family member; as well as esteemed Brother of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. died suddenly on August 27, 1984, at Fort McNair, Washington, DC.

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OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC.

APPLICATION
BERNIE L. BATES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

INSTRUCTIONS
PLEASE TYPE

This application must be neatly completed (***typed***) and submitted with all requested and supporting information. Please carefully **read all instructions** before completing this application. ***You must include personal and academic information, a copy of your High School transcript(s), and two letters of recommendation (one from a faculty member and one from a member of the community).*** You must answer all portions. Sign the certification after completion of your Personal Essay. Please submit your completed application via website: **https://fairfaxcountyques.org/scholarship-application/** or submit via email to **psiaascholarship@gmail.com**. If these options are not feasible, you can mail your completed application, to the address below. **Applications must be postmarked by March 14, 2027**

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Check List:

_____ Part I. Personal Information

_____ Part II. Academic Institution Information
____ Grade Point Averages (Current Semester and Cumulative)
____ Copy of SAT or ACT Scores
____ Copy of Official Transcript(s)

_____ Part III. Biographical Information

_____ Part IV. Two Letters of Recommendation (2)
____ High School Faculty Member
____ Member of the Community

_____ Part V. Certification Signed

_____ Part VI. Personal Essay

_____ A wallet-size picture of the student

PART I. PERSONAL INFORMATION:

1. Applicant's Full Name _____
2. Home Address _____
3. City _____ State ____ Zip Code _____
   E-Mail address_____
4. Telephone: Home ( ) _____ Other: ( ) _____
5. Father's Full Name _____ Is He Living? _____
6. Father's Phone ( ) _____ Email: _____
7. Mother's Full Name _____ Is She Living? _____
8. Mother's Phone ( ) _____ Email: _____

PART II. ACADEMIC INFORMATION:

1. Name of High School _____
2. Address of High School _____
3. Counselor's Name _____Telephone ( ) _____
4. Cumulative Grade Point Average (unweighted) based upon a 4.0 scale: _____
5. Scholastic Achievement Test (SAT) Score Verbal: _____ Math: _____
   American College Test (ACT) Score _____
8. Graduation Date _____
9. Date of High School Awards Program _____
10. List Colleges and Universities to which you have applied.

College/University	Location: City/State	Acceptance (Yes/No/Awaiting Response)

11. Proposed Major and Minor Area(s) of Study: _____

PART III. RESUME - BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION:

(Please provide a resume which includes the following).

A. Describe any community service and/or volunteer activities in which you are or have been actively involved. Include dates and positions of leadership (e.g., President, Secretary, Treasurer, etc.)

B. Describe current or previous jobs that you have held. Include dates and any leadership positions that you have held.

C. Extra-Curricular Activities:

1. List any significant High School positions that you held. (e.g., Sports, Clubs, etc.)

2. List any Honors or Awards received.

3. Describe and comment on Hobbies, Recreational Activities, and any other Uses of Your Time. (e.g., Travel sports, Boy/Girl Scouts, etc.)

PART IV. LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION:

Provide the Name, Address, and Telephone Number of two (2) persons. At least one (1) of these letters must be from a Faculty member at your high school who will write a Letter of Recommendation for you. The two Letters of Recommendations must accompany this application to be considered for this scholarship award.

Faculty Member:

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____

Title or Position _____

Member of the community:

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____

Title or Position _____

PART V. CERTIFICATION:

(Print your name in the indicated space)

I, _____, certify that the statements I have made on this application are correct and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that withholding information requested on this form or knowingly giving false information may result in my ineligibility for financial assistance from the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. I also grant permission for the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. to publish my name, picture, and amount of award and personal biographical information in conjunction with annual reports filed by the Fraternity. (Please sign and date below):

_____ Date _____

PART VI. PERSONAL ESSAY:

Please state your purpose for applying for this scholarship. Indicate your perception as to how this scholarship from the Fraternity can assist you in achieving your career goals. In the process, please provide details on your background, motivation, and specific personal, family, or other circumstances that make it important for you to receive this financial assistance. Please provide your response (attachment) between 500 and 750 typewritten words.