

CANDIDATE CHECKLIST/CERTIFICATION FORM

Your overall scholarship packet includes the materials listed below as well as those of the online submission process. Please review the list for instructions specific to each component, and sign and date below. **The deadline for all online submission material is January 31, 2025. The postmark deadline for all mail-in material is February 7, 2025.** Submissions made after these dates will not be considered.

- Online Scholarship Application.** Fill out all sections as completely as possible. The deadline for online submission material is January 31! Your application will be submitted online but also includes a few downloadable forms that will need to be filled out and returned.

Those downloadable forms include: *(postmark deadline for each of these is February 7)*

- Personal Recommendation Form – 1 (PDF download): Teacher, Guidance Counselor, or other School Official.** The applicant must obtain one letter of recommendation from a teacher, guidance counselor, or another school official.
- Personal Recommendation Form – 2 (PDF download): Community or Volunteer Coordinator, or Employer.** The applicant must obtain one letter of recommendation from a community or volunteer coordinator or employer the student has worked with.
- Essay (PDF download).** Limit your response to 750 words or less, double-spaced. It is highly recommended that the essay be typed. However, if you do not have access to a computer, the essay should be printed **legibly** using black ink. Be aware that your essay is **read and graded** by a qualified Bedsole Scholar Alumni. **Grammar, punctuation, and content are very important.**
- Secondary School Report (PDF download).** Applicant must fill out and sign page 1 of the Secondary School Report. The applicant's senior guidance counselor or another appropriate school official must fill out and sign the Academic Report Form. An official high school transcript documenting un-weighted, cumulative GPA, and ACT score must be attached.
- Candidate Checklist/Certification Form (PDF download).** The Checklist/Certification form requires a student's signature. It certifies that the student understands what is required and has answered everything honestly and completely.

If you have questions concerning these materials, please contact The J. L. Bedsole Scholars Program at (251) 432-3369, or email us at info@jlbedsolefoundation.org.

*If you fear your personal recommendation forms may not be returned to you in time to meet the deadline, you may have the person(s) making the recommendation mail or fax the form directly to:

The J. L. Bedsole Scholars Program
P. O. Box 1137
Mobile, Alabama 36633
Phone: (251) 432-3369; Fax: (251) 432-1134

CERTIFICATION: I certify that all statements made in this application (both the online and downloadable portions) are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and are made in good faith.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____