



**THE J.L. BEDSOLE FOUNDATION
SCHOLARS PROGRAM**

Request for Income Tax Return & Financial Worksheet

To the Parents of Bedsole Scholarship Applicant

J.L. Bedsole Scholarships are awarded to qualifying Southwest Alabama students who excel in leadership and academics. Prior to the student being granted access to the actual scholarship application, the Scholars Program must confirm that the student meets certain financial eligibility requirements.

An applicant for The J.L. Bedsole Scholarship must have an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) no greater than \$10,000. The EFC is a federal figure which indicates the amount of financial support a family is expected to contribute to a child's education. The EFC is calculated by the federal government after a student applies for college financial aid by filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This is done in December of the student's senior year of high school.

The J.L. Bedsole Scholarship application process begins in the fall of the student's senior year of high school; therefore, it is necessary that the EFC for the upcoming academic year be **estimated**. **So that the J.L. Bedsole Scholars Program can estimate the EFC in a timely manner, it is required that students complete the Financial Worksheet (following page) AND submit a copy of their parent's 2023 federal 1040 form (front and back), and their 2023 W2 forms. Itemized and state paperwork is not necessary.**

These forms should be mailed to our office postmarked no later than December 13, 2024. The Scholars Program will use this information to estimate the student's EFC for the upcoming academic year. If the EFC is estimated to be \$10,000 or less, and provided the applicant meets all other requirements, he or she may proceed to the actual online application (Phase II). Students will receive an **email notification** letting them know when or if they may proceed to Phase II.

If you have any questions, please contact the J.L. Bedsole Scholars Program office at (251) 432-3369 or patty@jbedsolefoundation.org for assistance.

Please fill in the following blanks (including ALL that applies on the Financial Worksheet), attach these forms to the FAFSA Student Aid Report, and mail them to the address below.

Student Name: _____

Student Birthdate: Month____Day____Year____

High School: _____

**The J. L. Bedsole Foundation Scholars Program
P. O. Box 1137 - Mobile, Alabama 36633**

THE J.L. BEDSOLE FOUNDATION SCHOLARS PROGRAM – Candidate Financial Worksheet

This worksheet provides an early ESTIMATE of the 2024 Expected Family Contribution (EFC), based on 2023 tax information. **If there have been no major changes in income, use year 2023 financial information to complete the following.**

Scholarship recipients must demonstrate remaining need after all other financial awards have been distributed (federal/other institutional and outside scholarships) and must have an EFC of \$10,000 or less to meet the financial requirements of The J.L. Bedsole Scholarship. Students that do not receive an EFC of \$10,000 or less based on these figures and feel the estimated EFC is not representative of what the federal EFC figure will report, will be given the opportunity to continue the application process. Continuation of the application process will be based on the understanding that the student will be eliminated from scholarship consideration if the final FAFSA reports an EFC over \$10,000.

***Please fill out this form in its entirety.**

Please answer the following:

Are you a U.S. Citizen?

- Yes. I am a U.S. Citizen (or U.S. national)
- No. but I am an eligible noncitizen
- No. I am not a citizen or eligible non-citizen

What is your date of birth? ____/____/____

What is your marital status?

- I am single
- I am married
- I am separated
- I am divorced/widowed

Is this your first year of college?

- Yes
- No

Do you have children or other dependents that you support?

- Yes
- No

Check all that applies:

- I am on active duty or I am a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces
- Since I turned age 13, both of my parents were deceased
- I was in foster care or I was a dependent or ward of the court since turning 13
- I am currently or I was an emancipated minor or in legal guardianship
- I am homeless
- None of the above

What is your parents' marital status?

- Never Married
- Unmarried & both legal parents living together.
- Married or Remarried
- Divorced or Separated
- Widowed

How old is your Parent 1(father/mother/stepparent)?

How old is your Parent 2 (father/mother/stepparent)?

How many people are in your parent's household?

While you are in college, how many people in your parent's household will be college students? (Include yourself)

Have your parents filed taxes recently?

- Yes
- No

What was your parent's adjusted gross income from the most recent tax return (please attach a copy of the appropriate 1040 federal income tax form)
\$ _____

What was your parent's state of legal residence?

Have you filed taxes recently?

- Yes
- No

How much income did you earn during the last year?
\$ _____

What is your state of legal residence? _____

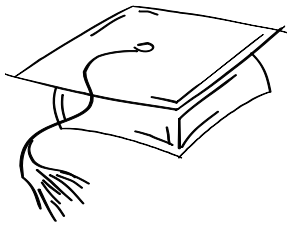
Each of the undersigned attests that the information herein provided is an estimate of 2024 tax information and is true to the best of their knowledge and belief.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Parent's Signature (In Household)

Date



**THE J.L. BEDSOLE FOUNDATION
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Request for High School Transcripts
To the High School Guidance Counselor

Student's Full Name: _____

Student's Birthdate: Month____Day____Year_____

Permission is hereby given to school officials to release my secondary school record and other requested information for consideration in The J.L. Bedsole Scholars Program.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Parent's/Guardian's Signature

Date

It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure the secondary school releases this information. It should be postmarked, as other application materials, by the noted deadline.

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To verify that these academic standards have been met, The J.L. Bedsole Scholars Program requires that the applicant's high school guidance counselor or other school official submit a transcript showing the student's un-weighted cumulative GPA at the end of the junior year of high school and an official copy of the ACT test results. Transcripts showing only weighted GPA's will not be accepted.

The transcript and standardized test results are required for eligible applicants to proceed to the next phase of the online application process. **In that regard, we ask that you mail or fax these documents to The Scholars Program office, postmarked no later than December 13. Eligible applicants will not be granted access to the online application without an acceptable copy of these forms on file.**

The transcripts can be emailed, mailed or faxed to: patty@jlbedsolefoundation.org or

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