

James B. Dudley High School PTSA Otis L. Hairston, Jr Scholarship

The Otis L. Hairston, Jr. Scholarship was provided in honor of Mr. Otis L. Hairston, Jr. through a Charitable Trust with the James B. Dudley PTSA as trustee. The goal of the Otis L. Hairston, Jr. Scholarship is to reduce the financial burden of the applicant. Mr. Hairston is best known for his works as a community activist, talented photographer, and an essential part of Greensboro's history. For almost 40 years, Mr. Hairston not only documented much of Greensboro, NC's history but also used his photographic assignments to travel all over the world. His most famous works include photos of Coretta Scott King, Oprah Winfrey, Nelson Mandela, Arthur Ashe, Alex Haley, and Bill Cosby. Additionally, Mr. Otis L. Hairston, Jr., authored two books documenting Warnersville and the African American community of Greensboro. He served as President of the PTSA at Dudley High School, mentored at Hairston Middle School, worked with senior citizens, and founded the Warnersville Community Coalition, where he served as president.

In accordance with conditions of the scholarship, eligible applicants **MUST**:

- Be an African American female senior at James Benson Dudley High School • Be officially accepted into an accredited program at a US 4-year college or university copy of the acceptance letter and commitment to enroll is required.

OR

- Be officially accepted at Bennett College, Greensboro, NC – a copy of the acceptance letter is required.
- First-year student in Fall 2026
- Have a GPA of 2.5 or better (unweighted)
- A citizen, national, or legal permanent resident of the United States.
- Be a member of the Dudley PTSA for the 2025 – 26 school year (if you are not a member, you may join prior to application submission)

In addition to these mandatory conditions, students are eligible to be considered for the Otis L Hairston, Jr scholarship if they:

- Have demonstrated leadership abilities through participation in community service or other extracurricular activities.
- Have financial need.

Submission: Scan completed scholarship application packets to the PTSA Scholarship Committee via email to dudleyptsascholarship@gmail.com by the **deadline of May 15, 2026.**

Applications may be obtained online on the DHS Counseling page & the DHS PTSA website.

Award amount:

Two recipients will be awarded a \$4000 scholarship each. **Recipients will be notified by May 22, 2026.**

James B. Dudley High School PTSA Otis L. Hairston, Jr. Scholarship APPLICATION

Please complete all the information requested below. Information may be typed or legibly hand-written using black ink. The information provided will be used by the Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) scholarship committee in considering this scholarship award.

Personal Information:

Legal Name:

Last Name First Name Middle Initial

Address:

Date of birth (XX-XX-XXXX): _____ **Last 4 Digits of SS#:** _____

Telephone #: _____ **Cell Phone #:** _____ **Email Address:**

Parent Contact Information (name, phone number, email):

What is the best way to contact you? (check one) Cell# ____ Email ____

Confirm membership in Dudley PTSA for 2025 - 26: Whose name should we have on the membership list? (student or parent) _____

Scholastic Information (Submit official high school/college transcript with the application). Class rank _____ out of _____

Cumulative Grade Point Average _____ on a 4.0 scale.

Test Information:

Please enter the following scores. If you have taken the SAT or ACT more than once, please enter your best score from the last two tests taken:

Composite ACT score: _____ Test Date Month/Year: _____

SAT: Reading _____ Math _____ Writing _____ Total Score _____

Test Date Month/Year: _____

Intended College Major _____

Are you a first-generation college student? (Meaning that neither parent nor guardian has obtained a college degree) _____

How many members in your household (including yourself) will be attending college in 2025-2026? _____

Scholarship Awards

Have you received any other scholarships? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please complete the section below:

Award #1: Name _____

Award Amount _____

Award Period: One Time Only ____: Renewable Annually ____: Four Year

Award _____

Award #2:

Name _____

Award Amount _____

Award Period: One Time Only ____: Renewable Annually ____: Four Year

Award _____

Award #3:

Name _____

Award Amount _____

Award Period: One Time Only ____: Renewable Annually ____: Four Year
Award _____

Submit a one-page formal resume that includes the following information:

Contact information:

Name

Address

Phone number(s)

Email Address

List of School Activities: (dates, position held, special awards...) ***List of***

Community/Volunteer Activities: (dates, position held, special awards...)

Work Experience: (list places of employment, dates, job responsibilities/duties)

Scholastic Honors: (Honor Societies, Awards, Prizes, etc.)

Extracurricular Activities: (church, school, and community) you have been involved in while in high school.

Your Essay:

In 1926, the Women's Home Missionary Society joined with the Board of Education of the church to make Bennett College in Greensboro, N.C., formerly co-educational, a college for women. The challenges overcome to establish Bennett demand that today's challenges be met and overcome to ensure her survival. Bennett College's underlying philosophy is that a high-quality college experience should provide its women students with strong academic and co-curricular programs that encourage their personal development, endorse life-long learning, and prepare them to meet the needs of an ever-changing society. Bennett College values and respects every member of its community. As a United Methodist Church-related institution, the College believes that education should be related to humanitarian ends.

In 300-500 words, tell us your story. How will you contribute to the College's focus on the intellectual, spiritual, and cultural growth of young women who must be prepared for lifelong learning and leadership?

Application Checklist:

_____ Official Transcript indicating all academic performance (Students taking college courses may use an unofficial copy of their college transcript).

_____ Essay (Double-spaced and type-written)

_____ Student resume detailing school activities, honors, extracurricular activities, work experience...)

_____ Two Letters of Recommendation. (One should be from a core subject teacher) The recommender should return the letter to us via email at Dudleyptsascholarship@gmail.com, with your name in the subject line.

_____ Official acceptance letter and commitment to enroll to your university of choice for admission for the Fall 2026 semester.

OR

_____ Official acceptance letter and commitment to enroll at Bennett College for admission for the Fall 2026 semester.

I hereby certify that all the information furnished is complete and accurate, to the best of my knowledge. Any misrepresentations are grounds for disqualification from consideration for the Hairston Scholarship. I hereby authorize the release of this information as may be required to determine eligibility for a scholarship award.

Student Signature:

Date: _____