

## *Application Process*

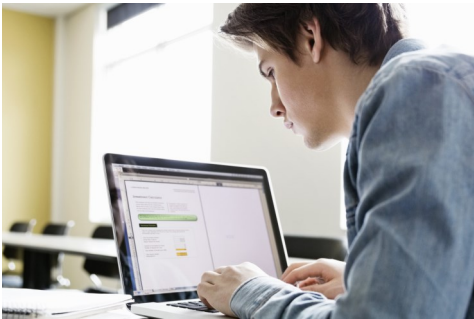
The online application occurs in three phases and is made available at the J.L. Bedsole Foundation website on September 15, 2017. Please visit:

**[www.jlbedsolefoundation.org](http://www.jlbedsolefoundation.org)**

Phase One of the online application and any required paperwork must be completed by *November 30, 2017* to be eligible for further consideration.

### *Selection of Recipients*

A selection committee evaluates the applicant's leadership qualities, academic records, test scores, recommendations, essay and financial need. Applicants are ranked on the basis of overall qualifications. Candidates are not selected based on sex, race, religion or national origin.



### *About the Foundation*

*The J.L. Bedsole Foundation and Scholars Program is the legacy of Joseph Linyer Bedsole. His generosity and devotion to the people of Southwest Alabama made the Foundation possible. To learn more about Mr. Bedsole, The J.L. Bedsole Foundation and The J.L. Bedsole Foundation Scholars Program please visit our website at [www.jlbedsolefoundation.org](http://www.jlbedsolefoundation.org).*

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## Mission Statement

*The mission of The J.L. Bedsole Scholars Program is to enable high school graduates from Southwest Alabama with leadership ability, academic commitment and financial need to attend the Alabama College of their choice in pursuit of a Baccalaureate Degree. Their college experience will be enhanced by providing opportunities for leadership development, career*



*guidance, interaction with business and community leaders and networking opportunities. Com-*

*munity service involvement on the part of each Bedsole Scholar will enable them to become a community servant leader.*

The J.L. Bedsole Scholars Program was created expressly to meet the needs of above average students with leadership potential who demonstrate financial need. Leadership is the most important criteria and academic accomplishments are strongly considered. The J.L. Bedsole Scholars Program recognizes and offers financial assistance to deserving students with recognized leadership ability who desire to pursue a post secondary education.

In addition to its scholarship grants, The J.L. Bedsole Foundation Scholars Program offers complementary programs to its students such as Leadership Training, a Leadership Convocation, and a summer internship called the Career Preparation Program.

## Eligibility

Eligible applicants must be graduating seniors from public or private schools in Mobile, Baldwin, Clarke, Monroe, Washington Counties, or Sweet Water High School in Marengo County. ASMS students must be from one of the 5 counties. Applicants must complete Phase One of the online application by **November 30th** of their senior year with plans to attend a 4-year college in Alabama that fall as a full-time student. They must have achieved a cumulative, un-weighted minimum high school GPA of 2.50 and have attained a minimum composite ACT score of 21 (or the SAT equivalent) prior to the **November 30** deadline. Further, applicants must express the desire to use their abilities to further the civic, cultural and economic development of Southwest Alabama. Applicants may not be related to members of The J.L. Bedsole Foundation Distribution Committee or The J.L. Bedsole Foundation Scholars Program.

## Scholarship Awards



Scholarship amounts are based on a student's individual need.

Scholarships range between \$1,000 and a maximum of \$6,000 annually. The scholarship amount is based on unmet need and may vary from year-to-year as educational expense and financial need of the student changes. The awards are sent directly to

the college or university and are only applied to the educational expenses of tuition, books, fees, room and board. A recipient may transfer colleges and retain the award, however, a transfer may affect the amount of the award as educational costs vary from institution to institution. An award is renewed annually for 4 years or until the undergraduate degree is completed, whichever occurs first provided the recipient continues to demonstrate financial need, makes satisfactory academic progress (2.50 GPA), remains full-time and complies with all other Scholars Program requirements.

## Eligibility Checklist

- ◆ Be a high school senior and reside in Mobile, Baldwin, Clarke, Monroe, Washington County or attend Sweetwater High School in Marengo Co.
- ◆ Planning to attend an Alabama 4-year college or university that fall as a full-time student.
- ◆ Have a cumulative, un-weighted GPA of 2.5 and an ACT score of at least 21 by November 30 of the senior year of high school.
- ◆ \*Have an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) of no greater than \$9,000.
- ◆ \*\*Have at least \$1,000 Unmet Need for the upcoming school year.
- ◆ Have completed Phase One of the online application by **November 30** of the senior year in high school.

\*The Expected Family Contribution (EFC) is a figure generated from the FAFSA. For more information please visit [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

\*\*Unmet need is considered the remaining amount needed to attend college after the EFC and other scholarships and grants are subtracted from the Direct Cost of Attendance.