

# **OJ Chestnut Assembly #207**

**Order of the Golden Circle, PHA**

**Tallahassee, Florida**



## **2025 Holiday-Austin Scholarship Application**

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### **Holiday-Austin Scholarship Program**

**O J Chestnut Assembly #207** or **OJCA 207**, is a social and civic organization working tirelessly to improve the lives of those in the Tallahassee community through community service and social initiatives. Currently, OJCA 207 is seeking to award scholarships of up to \$1000 in-aid to honor one of our outstanding charter members, Reverend Dr. Edith Holiday-Austin.

Rev. Edith Holiday-Austin, a trailblazing educator in the Big Bend area who dedicated over 40 years of service to the residents of the Tallahassee area. In honor of her tireless efforts and selfless contributions, the scholarships will be awarded to deserving students of Leon and surrounding counties. The award categories are as follows:

- **Vanguard Award** – the candidate must exhibit outstanding character, community service, and leadership, and must hold an unweighted 3.5 GPA or greater.
- **Trailblazer Award** – the candidate must exhibit outstanding community service, leadership, strong character, and an unweighted GPA of at least 3.0.
- **Phoenix Award** – the must candidate must exhibit perseverance and personal growth, community service, good character, and hold an unweighted GPA of at least 2.5.

#### **Eligibility Criteria**

To be eligible, applicants must:

1. Graduate from high school during the 2024-2025 academic school year.
2. Complete and submit the scholarship application along with a required high school transcript, essay, and two (2) letters of recommendation by the June 20, 2025, deadline.
3. Enroll and attend a university, college, technical, or trade school in 2025.
4. Submit a 60 – 90-second video describing your future academic plans and how the award will help you achieve your goals.

#### **Application Checklist:**

- Completed OJ Chestnut Assembly Scholarship Application Form
- One page 250 – 500 word typed written essay.
- Two (2) Letters of Recommendation: (1) should be from a guidance counselor/school official, and (1) confirming community service.
- Unofficial high school transcript, including the last grading period.

#### **Application submission instructions and deadline:**

All materials requested in the above application checklist must be emailed to the Scholarship Committee Chairperson, Jamilynn Pettway at: [jimpetti@hotmail.com](mailto:jimpetti@hotmail.com).  
All materials must be attached and submitted in a single email.

**Applications must be received on or before June 20, 2025.**

## 2025 Holiday-Austin Scholarship Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home/Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of University, College, Technical School, or Trade School Attending:

\_\_\_\_\_

Enrollment Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Extracurricular Activities: i.e. clubs, varsity sports, band, cheerleading, etc., along with any positions of leadership: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Academic Awards or Honors: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Community Programs, Memberships, or Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Essay:** Applicants must submit a typed one-page essay outlining “*How Community Service Has Impacted Your Life*”, also describing your career goals and how you will use your education to positively impact your community or society.

**Letters of Recommendations:** One (1) letter must be from a high school teacher, guidance counselor, or principal; and one (1) letter should confirm your community service.

**Unofficial High School Transcript:** Applicants must submit an unofficial high school transcript with their application no later than the application deadline of June 20, 2025.

**Certification:** I attest that all information provided in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge. I further understand that only the scholarship winners may be contacted.

Applicant’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*APPLICATION DEADLINE **JUNE 20, 2025**\*\*\*

**QUESTIONS?** Contact Jamilynn Pettiway, Scholarship Committee Chair, at: (813) 494-4922 or [jmpetti@hotmail.com](mailto:jmpetti@hotmail.com).