
Roger Blalock Scholarship Application

2010 Cohort

**Scholarship provided by the
Purdue Black Alumni Organization**
www.purduealum.org/PBAO

Scholarship endowment held at
The Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette
www.cfglaf.org

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The Roger Blalock Scholarship is designed to raise the level of educational attainment at Purdue University by those of African American and Hispanic decent. This is a \$1,000 scholarship that is awarded in two installments throughout the school year. The Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette is administering two Roger Blalock scholarships in Tippecanoe County for the 2010 awards.

Roger Blalock

A native of Chicago, Roger Blalock graduated from Purdue University in 1969 with a bachelor's degree in Physical Education and a Communication minor. Roger was a two-year basketball letter winner during his time as a student at Purdue. Since graduation Roger has served in many capacities and now serves as a Senior Associate Athletics Director. Roger continues to work at Purdue inspiring young athletes and students of minority decent. Roger is very involved in the community and enjoys his time with his wife J.B. and son R.B. He is a pillar of the Lafayette community and an integral part of the success of Purdue Athletic programs. For these reasons Purdue Black Alumni Organization chooses to honor Roger Blalock with this scholarship.

Purdue Black Alumni Organization

The Purdue Black Alumni Organization is an affiliate of the Purdue Alumni Association. It was founded in recognition of the 10th anniversary of the Black Cultural Center and the first Purdue University Black Alumni Reunion in December 1980. As of October 31, there are over 1,100 PBAO members.

Eligibility

Applicants must:

- Be a current student at Purdue University
- Be of African or Hispanic decent
- Live or attend school within the United States
- Have a 2.8 or better grade point average on a 4.0 scale (or other B equivalent)

NOTE TO INDIANA RESIDENTS: The Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette board members, officers, employees, and selection committee members will not be allowed to participate in any aspect of the selection process if they have relatives applying for the Roger Blalock Scholarship.

Criteria for Selection

Selection considerations include:

- demonstration of financial need
- recommendations
- essay
- demonstration of unique/unusual circumstances
- grade point average and difficulty of high school courses taken
- neatness and thoroughness of application

Deadline: 5PM, March 12, 2010

All materials must be in our office (not just postmarked) by the deadline. Incomplete or late applications will *not* be considered; no exceptions are made. Responsibility for ensuring the application is complete and received on time rests solely with the applicant.

Application Instructions

Read and follow all instructions carefully. Failure to follow instructions may eliminate your application from consideration.

- You must fill out your own application and write the essay in your own words. It's acceptable to ask for proofreading and other help but *all work must be yours*.
- Include all requested materials (and *only* the requested materials) and fill out the application completely and accurately. Incomplete or unsigned applications will not be considered.
- Use the application form and the space provided *only*. Do not include attachments except as requested.
- All pages of the application should be single-sided only. Do not use the back of pages to submit information; it will not be considered as part of your application unless our office has instructed you to put information on the back of a page.
- Please do not tape, staple, glue, or otherwise fasten any part of or anything to your application.
- Completed application should be submitted in a large envelope. Do not fold application.
- All materials, including references, must be received by the deadline or the application will not be considered. *It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that references have been received.*
- Please keep a copy of the application. *We cannot provide copies of any application materials, including references, once submitted.*

You are strongly encouraged to read additional tips on the CFGL website. The application is also available on both the PBAO (www.pbao.org) and CFGL websites.

Application Submission

Use this checklist. Your complete application should include:

- application form (pages 4, 5, & 6)
- completed financial form (pages 7 & 8)
- college transcript (*be sure to include previous fall semester grades, if available*)
- your essay (limit of 500 words and font no smaller than 12)
- three letters of recommendation (no more than one page; each may be sent separately.
See pages 9, 10, & 11)

Notification of awards will be made in April 2010.

Hand-deliver or mail to:

**Purdue Alumni Association- c/o PBAO
Dauch Alumni Center
403 West Wood Street
West Lafayette, IN 47906
765-494-5175**

**Business Hours
9:30 am – 4:30 pm EST, Monday – Friday**

Questions?

Questions may be directed to Garet Turner, pbao@purdue.edu or 765-494-5269.

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Applicant Information

Fill out completely. Remember last 4 digits of your Social Security # at bottom of page.

Name (last, first, middle): _____

Permanent address (street, city, state, zip): _____

Telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

Date of birth: _____ Are you a U.S. citizen? _____ County of residence: _____

Family Information

Provide applicable information.

Full name of father/guardian: _____

Address: _____

Full name of mother/guardian: _____

Address: _____

Transcript

Please include an original of your college transcript.

DEADLINE: 5 PM EST March 12, 2010
No exceptions!

Certification

Please read carefully, sign, and date the following:

- If I receive this scholarship, it is my intent to pursue four years of undergraduate study on a full-time basis leading to a baccalaureate degree at Purdue University.
- I understand that the total amount of this scholarship is \$1,000 and will be awarded in two parts for the upcoming school year.
- I will account for and return to Purdue University any amount of the special allocation for required books and required equipment remaining at the end of the school year.
- Contingent upon my receipt—I agree to notify Purdue University of any scholarship awards I may receive for tuition or required fees from a source other than, or in addition to, the PBAO Presidential Leadership Scholarship.
- If selected, I will notify The Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette no later than April 2, 2010, whether or not I have chosen Purdue University, and that if I have not done so I forfeit all rights to this scholarship.
- I hereby affirm that the information provided on this form is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge, that I have completed the application and written the essay myself, and that I understand falsification of information will result in the withdrawal of my application from the selection process or termination of my scholarship.
- I also affirm that I have not applied for this Scholarship through any other source.
- I give permission for the release of my transcripts to the scholarship selection committee.

Signature of applicant

Date

Last 4 digits of Applicant's Social Security Number: _____

Applicant's First Name: _____

Last 4 Digits of Applicant's Social Security Number: _____

Academic Information

Fill out completely.

High School: _____ Graduation Date: _____

Cumulative Grade Point Average (include Fall 2009 Semester grades if available): _____ (*on a scale of _____*)

Counselor: _____ Phone (include extension #): _____

SAT Scores: _____ (*critical reading*) _____ (*math*) _____ (*writing*) OR ACT Scores: _____ (*combined*)

Major

What is your anticipated major and profession?

Other Awards

Are you a recipient of the Twenty-first Century Scholars Award? yes no

Have you made a commitment to any branch of the military that will pay for college tuition? yes no

Please list all other scholarships or awards for which you have submitted an application or are considering applying for. Include the amount, the status (will submit application, received, denied, pending), and if a multi-year award:

Essay In ***no more than 500 words***, please explain your goals and how this scholarship will help you to reach them. (Keep in mind we are looking to see what is your vision for your future? Include unique circumstances *<such as participation or inability to participate in certain activities>* or special achievements.) Give us any further information about yourself that you believe would help in our selection of a scholarship recipient. Be sure your essay is well thought-out and clearly written.

You must write your own essay or else the application will be disqualified.

Please use only standard white 8 1/2 by 11 inch paper. No card stock, colored or designed paper.

Please note:

The last 4 digits of your Social Security Number MUST be in the lower right corner of the essay page. Do not include your name on the essay page. Essay may be handwritten. If typed, do not use a font smaller than size 10.

Recommendations

Please list the names of the three people who are writing your reference letters and also their relationship to you. See pages 9-11 for additional instruction about reference letters.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

This space for office use only.

Applicant's First Name: _____

Last 4 Digits of Applicant's Social Security Number: _____

School Activities (*Clubs, student government, National Honor Society, sports, music, drama, community service, etc.*) Using only the space below, list the most important activities you have participated in the last four years. Please list in order of importance to you (most important first).

Activity	Dates	Leadership positions, awards, recognition, etc.

Community Activities (*NOT school-related - Volunteer work, Scouts, religious, sports, 4-H, music, drama, etc.*) Using only the space below, list the most important activities you have participated in the last four years. Please list in order of importance to you (most important first).

Activity	Dates	Leadership positions, awards, recognition, etc.	School-related activity?
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Work Experience Using only the space below, please list paid work experience in chronological order, beginning with your most recent position.

Employer	Nature of work	Dates	Hours/wk	School-related activity?
				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Applicant's First Name: _____

Last 4 Digits of Applicant's Social Security Number: _____

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Financial Form

Name of applicant (last, first, middle): _____

Date of birth of applicant: _____

Marital status of applicant as of today: single divorced widowed married/remarried separated

Are you an orphan or a ward of the court, or were you a court ward until age 18? no yes

If you are married or separated or answered "yes" to the last question, do not complete this form until you've contacted The Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette at 765.742.9078 for further instructions.

Please read and follow all directions carefully

- Fill out all information. *An incomplete form will result in disqualification.*
- If a question does not apply, please indicate with N/A. Do not leave any space blank.
- Use information from your 2008 tax returns.
- Return this form along with your scholarship application no later than **5PM EST, March 5, 2010.**

Answers to frequently asked questions

- "Parent income" means the income of the parent(s) with whom you live. If you live with a parent who has remarried, the step-parent's income should also be included.
- Financial information is requested from your 2008 tax returns. We do this because most people will not have their 2009 taxes finished by the scholarship deadline.
- If you feel you have special circumstances that significantly impact your finances that will not be reflected in this form, please contact Purdue Black Alumni Organization.
- Submitting a completed financial form is a requirement for this scholarship. All information will remain strictly confidential.
- If selected as a finalist, you may be asked to provide supporting documentation.
- The questions regarding financial circumstances are generally all that is needed to assist the committee in determining financial need; however, Purdue Black Alumni Organization and The Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette reserves the right to ask for clarifying information on a case-by-case basis.
- Our policy is to request only essential information on applications and to safeguard the confidentiality of such information. If you believe we are not in compliance with that policy, please contact our Program Director or CEO. If not satisfied, you may contact any member of the Board of Directors for The Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette The Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette.
- Please visit the CFGL website for assistance filling out the financial form.
www.cfglaf.org/scholarship

**Feel free to contact
(pbao@purdue.edu) if you have any questions.**

Applicant's First Name: _____

Last 4 Digits of Applicant's Social Security Number: _____

Parent Information

Parents' current marital status (check one) Married/Remarried Single Separated/Divorced Widowed

Number in household (**include yourself, siblings, parents**) _____ Date of birth of oldest parent _____

Parents' state of legal residence _____

Number of college students from number above who will be enrolled at least half-time (**exclude** parents, include yourself)

Financial Information

~ For assistance filling out the following information, please visit www.cflaf.org/scholarship ~

Did you file a 2008 income tax return?

student _____ **parent** _____

yes no yes no

If you filed a 1040, were you eligible to file a 1040A or 1040EZ?*

yes no yes no

2008 adjusted gross income

\$ _____ \$ _____

2008 U.S. income tax paid

\$ _____ \$ _____

2008 number of exemptions

_____ _____

Answer the next three questions whether or not you filed tax returns:

2008 student's income earned from work

\$ _____ \$ _____

2008 father's income earned from work

\$ _____

2008 mother's income earned from work

\$ _____

2008 untaxed income including benefits from federal programs:

- Food Stamps additional child tax credit Free or reduced lunches
 TANF Earned income credit Other
 WIC Social Security benefits (such as SSI)

Total: \$ _____ \$ _____

Child support **received**, plus payments to tax-deferred pension
and savings plans, plus tax exempt interest income, plus
any other untaxed income or benefits not reported elsewhere
(IRA payments, worker's compensation, etc.)

Total: \$ _____ \$ _____

Child support **paid**

\$ _____ \$ _____

*"Yes" if: income was below \$50,000, you did not itemize, you did not receive income from business or farm, you did not receive alimony, and you did not receive capital gains.

Asset Information *All values are as of today*

Cash, savings, and checking accounts
(excluding student financial aid through academic institutions)

\$ _____ \$ _____

Net worth of investments** value
Net worth = current value minus debt¹

\$ _____ \$ _____

Net worth of current businesses/investment farms***
Net worth = current value minus debt²

\$ _____ \$ _____

"Debt" means only those debts ¹related to investments or ²for which the business or farm was used as collateral.

Net worth means current value minus debt. If net worth is one million or more, enter \$999,999. If net worth is negative, enter 0.

** **Investments include** real estate (but not the home you live in), trust funds, money market funds, mutual funds, certificates of deposit, stocks, stock options, bonds, other securities, education IRAs, college savings plans, installment and land sale contracts (including mortgages held), commodities, etc.
Exclude the home you live in, the value of life insurance and retirement plans (pension plans, annuities, non-education IRAs, Keogh plans, etc.), or the value of prepaid tuition plans. **Do not include** cash and savings on this line.

*** Businesses and/or investment farm value includes the market value of land, buildings, machinery, equipment, inventory, etc. **Do not include** the value of a family farm that you live on and operate. Do not include the value of a small business that you own and control and that had 100 or fewer full-time or FTE employees.

Applicant's First Name: _____

Last 4 Digits of Applicant's Social Security Number: _____

Roger Blalock Scholarship Recommendation Instructions

To the Applicant

Your application must include three (and only three) letters of recommendation. The recommendation is to be completed by a teacher, minister, coach, employer, etc. Do not submit recommendation letters written by family members. **Please give this sheet to the recommender.** Completed recommendations must be received at the address stated *by the deadline* for your application to be considered. It is your responsibility to ensure that the recommendation is received in our office by the deadline. You may want to give the recommender an addressed, stamped envelope. The recommendation may also be e-mailed to pbao@purdue.edu but MUST be sent as an attachment.

All recommendations are confidential. We do not release copies to applicants.

To the Recommender

Please read and follow all instructions carefully.

1. Please do not use the applicant's last name when writing your recommendation; we use a blind application process.
2. Limit your recommendation to one page. Anything longer than one page is not considered. Please do not use a font smaller than 12.
3. Use standard letter-weight paper (no heavy paper or cardstock). Do not attach anything to the letter.
4. E-mail recommendations are accepted, but MUST be sent as an attachment.
5. The recommendation should include the following:
 - your full name (printed)
 - your signature
 - your relationship to applicant
 - your phone number
 - the date
6. The last 4 digits of the applicant's Social Security Number must be in the top right corner of your letter so the recommendation can be matched to the student's application.
7. **Recommendation:** Please discuss the individual's character, leadership, personal initiative, work habits, and any other attributes you think qualifies the individual for the Roger Blalock Scholarship. Include any unique factors that make this applicant especially worthy of this scholarship.

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