FAIRMONT HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
JOHN J. WILLIAMS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

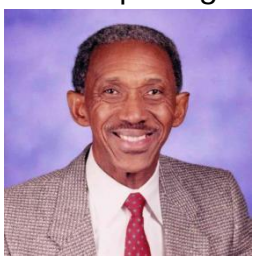
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Program Overview

The Fairmont Heights High School Alumni Association (FHHSAA) holds FHHS and its legacy near and dear to our hearts because it was the first modern "separate-but-equal" County school for African Americans that included the twelfth grade when it opened in September 1950.

Many area residents are graduates of FHHS and members of the FHHS Alumni Association. We have become politicians, educators, lawyers, doctors, scientists, computer/IT analyst/programmers, mechanics, carpenters, federal workers, postal workers, professional drivers, entrepreneurs, and engaged in many more careers.

Our most prestigious scholarship, the John J. Williams Scholarship, is named for a courageous man, a brilliant dedicated teacher, mentor, and servant of the FHHS community who taught from 1963-1990. Mr. Williams taught at FHHS for 30 of his 40 year career. He sponsored the senior class, sponsored the 1st mentoring program, sponsored the school newspaper, sponsored many student international trips while teaching various world language courses. He even helped to save the school from closing in 1972.



Mr. Williams served as the President of FHHSAA for many years. He was deeply devoted to promoting an exemplary education and to our community. FHHSAA acknowledges Mr. John J. Williams' contribution to the legacy of FHHS by offering scholarships to graduating seniors who have been accepted and enrolled in a two-year or 4-year degree program.

Student's Eligibility Requirements

Students must:

- be a U.S. citizen;
- be a graduating senior from FHHS by June 2027;
- be enrolled in a 2-year or 4-year degree program for the Fall 2027 session; and
- have and maintain at least a 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Student Application

Each eligible student must complete the Scholarship Application. Each eligible student must write and submit a 1-page essay on, "How would you describe yourself in three words and why? How do these traits show up in your academic and personal life?". The essay must be written in Times New Roman or Arial (font size 12), the applicant's name and email address must appear on the top of the essay. Each eligible student must obtain one Academic Referral and a 2nd Referral from someone who can speak to their capabilities and interests as they relate to the scholarship.

Each eligible student must request an Official Transcript from their Guidance Counselor be submitted to the FHHSAA Scholarship Committee at scholarships@fhhsaainc.com before the deadline. Each eligible student must sign and date the application, have a parent/guardian sign and date the application.

A complete scholarship application package consist of a filled out Application Form that is signed (by student and parent); a 1-page essay, two Referrals, Official Transcript, and proof of enrollment in college. All materials must be received in the FHHS Scholarship Committee at scholarships@fhhsaa.com no later than **March 31, 2027**, by 11:59 p.m. Completed application packages will be evaluated by the FHHSAA Scholarship Committee no later than **Wednesday, April 16, 2027, by 11:59 p.m.**.

Scholarship Payment

Each Scholar selected will receive up to $3,000 in scholarship payment no later than August 6, 2027. Payments will be sent directly to the scholar's college or university of enrollment in the form of a check.

The Scholarship Application Selection Process

A completed application, two referrals, a 1-page essay, proof of enrollment in college or university, the Official Transcript from the applicant's FHHS Guidance Counselor and Parental Approval must be completed and received by the FHHSAA Scholarship Committee at scholarships@fhhsaainc.com no later than March 31, 2027, by 11:59 p.m.

Application Period	October 1, through March 31, 2027
Application review process completed	April 5 - 16, 2027
Notification to scholarship recipients	April 19, 2027
Notification to Guidance Counselor & Principal	April 19, 2027