

## African-American Leadership Award

### Deadline: April 17, 2017, 5:00pm

The African-American Leadership Award is for African-American students who are graduating high school seniors, with preference given to students who are U.S. citizens from the state of Utah. Applicants need to have demonstrated leadership in their high schools and in their communities and show special talent and potential for continued leadership. Students must be an incoming freshman at Utah State University in Fall 2017. One \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded. The scholarship will be split over \$500 per semester for the 2017-2018 school year.

Mail to:  
Mountain West Center  
0735 Old Main Hill  
Logan, UT 84322-0735

Drop off:  
Old Main - Room 339 or 338  
Utah State University  
Logan, UT 84322

**Personal Information:**

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	USU A#
Preferred Name (if different from above)		Home Phone	Cell Phone
Home Address			Apartment/Unit #
City	State	Zip code	
Birth date / /		Email Address	

**Background Information:**

Number in family	Number in family attending college	Annual Family Income	
Current High School		GPA	ACT / SAT
Planned Major:			
Have you been awarded any other scholarships for the academic year 2017-2018? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		If yes, please list:	
Other scholarships you are applying for:			
Are you a dependent of a USU faculty or staff member who is eligible for half-tuition? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			

**TO QUALIFY FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP,  
THE FOLLOWING ITEMS MUST BE ATTACHED TO YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM:**

- Paul and Sylvia Jones demonstrated and valued leadership throughout their lives (see short bios below). In no more than 500 words, describe a time you were in a leadership role, what you learned, and how you expect this experience to help you in your future education and chosen career.
- In order to earn a degree at Utah State University each student will be required to take courses through the College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHaSS) either as part their major or to meet breadth and depth requirements. Include an essay (500 words or less) on the topic of the value of your CHaSS education and how this coursework will aid you in your future career. See links below for examples of USU breadth and depth courses in CHaSS.
  - <https://tinyurl.com/jjewdd9>
  - <https://tinyurl.com/jt2dc75>
  - <https://tinyurl.com/jlgkhn3>
  - <https://tinyurl.com/hqwxont>
- A resume with a summary of your leadership involvement, community service, honors, awards, formal recognitions and any other information you feel the scholarship committee may consider.
- A current high school transcript (unofficial transcripts are acceptable) and a record of ACT and/or SAT scores, either on the transcript or separately if not listed on transcript.

(Please DO NOT include photographs or put your application into any kind of binder – just staple it.)

**ABOUT THE DONORS:**

Paul A. Jones was born and raised in South Central Los Angeles. He attended Utah State from 1981 to 1984 on a football scholarship and also participated in track and field. He earned his bachelor's degree in speech communications and a master's degree in interdisciplinary studies at Utah State. Of his time at Utah State he states, "USU was the best thing that could have happened to me. It took an inner-city kid who was 'rough around the edges' and helped develop him personally, spiritually and intellectually." Paul also earned a doctorate in education and human resource studies with a concentration in educational leadership from Colorado State University. His professional career included time at Utah State as the school relations recruiter where he focused on diversity and recruitment of minority high school students. His career in higher education has been spent in Utah, Maryland, Colorado and Georgia. He joined Georgia College in 2002 and continued to demonstrate his capacity for leadership by taking on more responsibilities when needed, including his willingness to serve as interim president during an important transitional period. In November of 2015, he was named as the President of Fort Valley State University in Fort Valley, Georgia. Paul has continued to serve in his community through several memberships and leadership positions including the board of directors for Goodwill Industries of Middle Georgia.

Sylvia M. Jones was born in San Antonio, Texas. Coming from a military family, she lived overseas for most of her teenage years. During the middle of her junior year of high school, her father was transferred to Salt Lake City, where she learned of Utah State University. She met Paul at USU and was involved in numerous activities. With support from the administration, they started the USU Voices of Praise Gospel Choir, one of her fondest memories as an Aggie. Sylvia earned a bachelor's in economics in 1987 from Utah State and an MBA from Western State College in Gunnison, Colorado. Sylvia's career has been in the financial education industry. She worked on campuses in Colorado and Georgia as financial aid director, before taking a position with Wells Fargo Bank as an assistant vice president-account executive in the Education Financial Services. She is involved with many regional and state higher education organizations. Every year she spends many volunteer hours in her community conducting presentations at high schools, as well as working with several students and parents as they navigate the admissions and financial aid process, which can be daunting and overwhelming for many first generation families.

Paul and Sylvia are the parents of two children. They are involved in many philanthropic activities including Rotary Club meals for families, scholarships for disadvantaged students pursuing study abroad, and support for the Goodwill Industries Foundation. The Jones' were determined to give back very early in their lives. They established the African-American Leadership Award as recent college graduates. Their continued contributions throughout their professional lives are a testament to their desire to help others and reach those who will make a difference in the world.

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**Applications are due on or before April 17, 2017**  
**INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**

**CERTIFICATION** - As of this date, the information provided on this application is correct to the best of my knowledge. I authorize the release of this information and/or my transcripts to any individual or institution involved in the awarding of the concerned scholarships. If needed, I can provide references.

Utah Code 63G-12-402 requires the University to verify the lawful presence in the United States of individuals who apply for any scholarships, fellowships, grants or other aid administered by the University. Individuals who apply for these benefits are also required to certify under penalty of perjury that they are lawfully present in the United States.

I certify under penalty of perjury that: I am a United States citizen [  ] Yes [  ] No\*  
\*If no, I have a valid I-20 form and the following visa status [  ] F-1 [  ] J-1

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Student's Signature

Date