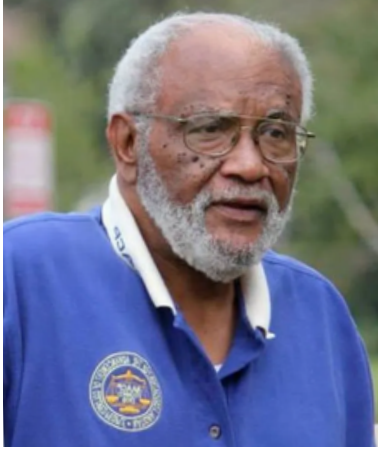


Harold L. Silas

SCHOLARSHIP 2024



Harold L. Silas Scholarship is named for Mr. Harold Silas, a Lakeland resident, a lifetime member of the NAACP, and the first Vice President of the Lakeland NAACP Branch. He was a graduate of Rochelle High School and Knoxville College where he majored in Sociology. He was a member of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity and retired from the U.S. Army at the rank of Major. Mr. Silas worked 19 years with the Lakeland Police Department in the Victims Assistance Program where he helped countless people overcome drug abuse. Mr. Silas passed away in 2014.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Through our web form, by email, or in person, submit the following:

- Your name, date of birth, home address
- Name of your high school, name of your college or university, indicate whether you are entering or continuing college
- Proof of acceptance and enrollment to a college
- Current Cap & Gown or professional headshot jpeg photo
- A 500-word essay (legible 12-pt font, conventional grammar/spelling) responding to the questions:

What is the importance of voting? How do you see voting as an element of societal and political change? How might you encourage young people to exercise their right to vote? You can choose to address local, state, and/or national elections.

The deadline to submit your application materials and essay is midnight on April 26, 2024.

ELIGIBILITY AND AWARDS

Enrollees in post-secondary technical or trade schools ARE eligible to apply.

Awardees must have a Lakeland home address and/or have graduated from a Lakeland high school.

Winners will be announced in May 2024 and at the Freedom Fund Banquet on September 28, 2024.

1ST PRIZE \$1500 AND 2ND PRIZE \$1000 FOR EACH GROUP

GROUP 1


Currently enrolled students
(incoming college Sophomore, Junior, or Senior)

GROUP 2

Incoming Freshmen
(2024 High School Graduate of a school in Lakeland, FL)

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