

DEGREE COMPLETION SCHOLARSHIP

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WHAT IS THE SWAC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION?

The SWAC Alumni Association, founded on December 10, 1999, is an organization dedicated to serving as a rallying ground for individuals who have made the Southwestern Athletic Conference the illustrious conference that it is today. Its membership is open to former student-athletes who played in the conference in any sport as well as to coaches, athletic administrators, game officials and fans.

WHY DID THE ASSOCIATION ESTABLISH ITS DEGREE COMPLETION PROGRAM?

The SWAC Alumni Association established its degree completion program in order to assist student-athletes who played at SWAC-member universities but could not complete their education during their five-year eligibility period at the institution. In light of the increasingly high academic standards that athletics programs must meet, and the dire consequences for failing to meet those standards, the Association believes helping student-athletes whose eligibility has expired to complete their studies is one of the most valiant undertakings it could have as an organization. Consequently, the Association annually awards at least one degree completion scholarship in the sum of \$1,000. Depending on funding, occasionally two scholarships are awarded, one to a female student and one to a male student.

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR A DEGREE COMPLETION SCHOLARSHIPS?

In order to qualify for a SWAC Alumni Association Degree Completion Scholarship, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Played an intercollegiate sport and completed his/her eligibility at a SWAC-member university no more than two years prior to applying;
- Attained a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5 (based on a 4.0 scale);

- Be within 30 semester hours of meeting all of the institution's requirements for attaining his/her undergraduate degree;
- Complete all required institutional and federal applications for financial aid;
- If applications for financial aid from other sources are approved, when added to the award administered by the SWAC Alumni Association, total funds provided to the applicant cannot exceed the total costs for attending the institution;
- Fully complete and submit a SWAC Alumni Association Degree Completion Scholarship Application by the set deadline given. Incomplete applications and late applications will not be considered; and
- Applicants must submit with the application a typewritten, 1,000-word essay on the topic: "How SWAC legends of the past inspire me to excel today." The essay should include the names of those inspiring SWAC legends.

WHAT IS THE AMOUNT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP?

The scholarship award will be in the amount of \$1,000. When the SWAC Alumni Association Degree Completion Scholarship is added to other sources of financial aid the applicant has been approved for (institutional, federal, state or private), the total funds awarded must not exceed the total costs associated with attending institution (i.e., applicant cannot be over-awarded).

WHAT IS THE PERIOD OF THE AWARD?

The SWAC Alumni Association Degree Completion Scholarship will assist students in completing their studies for up to one academic year. The scholarship is non-renewable.

WHAT IS THE DEADLINE FOR APPLYING FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP?

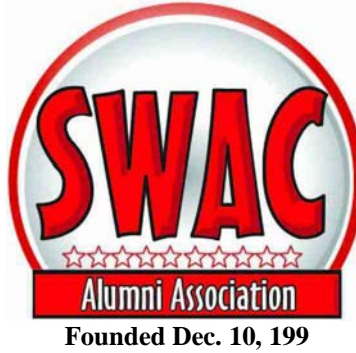
All applications must be received no later than June 1.

IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE THAT SHOULD ACCOMPANY MY APPLICATION?

Yes. In addition to the noted essay, you should also send to us a color photograph as well as a bio on yourself.

WHERE SHOULD INQUIRIES BE DIRECTED?

All inquiries pertaining to the SWAC Alumni Association's Degree Completion Scholarship should be directed to Lonza Hardy Jr., Scholarship Committee Chairman, via email at: lhadyjr001@aol.com.



**SWAC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
2018 DEGREE COMPLETION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Full Name _____ Gender: ___ Male ___ Female

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

E-Mail Address _____

Home Telephone _____ Cell _____

College/University _____

Address of College/University _____

Major _____ Minor _____

Classification _____ First Year at University _____

Expected Graduation Date _____ No. Hours Needed _____ Cumulative GPA _____

Sport(s) Played in College _____

Major Athletic Achievements, Honors, Etc. _____

Major Academic Achievements, Honors, Etc. _____

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Please provide here a listing of your most noteworthy extracurricular affiliations, community service involvement, etc.: _____

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Please enclose a 1,000-word typewritten original essay explaining: “How SWAC legends of the past inspire me to excel today.” The essay should include the names of those inspiring SWAC legends. Additionally, please include a color photograph of yourself as well as a bio on yourself.

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I certify that the information provided for consideration of the SWAC Alumni Association Scholarship is true and that any misleading or non-factual information will make my application null and void.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Signature of Athletics Department Designee _____ Date _____

All required documents must be received no later than June 1 at the following address:

Roscoe Nance
SWAC Alumni Association
509 Worchester Street
Herndon, VA 20170