



## Patterson HBCU Scholarship for Carson Scholars

### Eligibility

1. The student must be a Carson Scholar.
2. The student must be entering their freshman year of college at a HBCU.\*
3. The student must be a 2026 high school graduate.
4. The student must be enrolled in a four-year bachelor's degree program.
5. The student must submit their HBCU acceptance notification with their application.
6. The student must have a valid Social Security Number or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number.
7. If a student graduates early from high school, they still are eligible to apply for the scholarship, only if they apply for it prior to their freshman year of college.
8. Students may not apply for the scholarship if their college expenses (tuition, room and board, and/or books) are fully covered. If a scholar receives full coverage of their college expenses after the Patterson HBCU Scholarship has been awarded, the scholarship money will be returned to the Carson Scholars Fund.

\* HBCUs are determined by the U.S. Department of Education. **\*Please visit our website to view a complete list of Patterson HBCU Scholarship qualified schools.**

### Payout Rules

1. Patterson HBCU Scholars may not request a payout to a community college, even if that community college is a HBCU.
2. The initial \$5,000 scholarship must be paid out during the scholar's fall semester of their freshman year of college.
3. Every May (for three years) following the original scholarship payout, scholars will be emailed a required survey prompting them to answer a few questions, write a statement of impact and upload their transcript from that academic year.
4. A student must maintain a GPA of 2.0 or higher and remain a full-time student (12 credits per semester) to renew their \$5,000 award annually. Scholars who do not meet these requirements will forfeit their scholarship funds and will not be permitted to request further payouts.
5. This scholarship cannot be deferred to another school year, divided up between semesters or years, and will expire at the end of each academic year. If the scholarship goes unused, it will not roll over to the following year.
6. If the scholarship causes an excess in funding, the excess funds from this scholarship award will be sent back to the Carson Scholars Fund and not to the student.
7. If a student intends to study abroad, that study must be facilitated by the HBCU for the scholarship to continue.
8. If, due to unforeseen circumstances, a scholar must take a year or semester off, their funds for that year will be forfeited. Students who take an approved leave of absence



and withdraw in good standing from their HBCU and do not attend another college or university during the academic school year are, if re-admitted to the school, eligible to renew their award based on original terms and conditions. Reinstatement of the scholarship award will be determined by our scholarship committee on a case-by-case basis.

9. Students who leave their HBCU to attend another school that is not a HBCU will forfeit their funds. If a student is suspended from their HBCU, the award will not be reinstated in the event of their re-entry.
10. Students dismissed due to disciplinary actions will forfeit their funds.
11. If a student transfers from one HBCU to another HBCU, they are still eligible to request a payout of the scholarship award.
12. Scholarship money will be mailed via check directly to the HBCU and can be used towards academic expenses including tuition, room, board and/or books. Under no circumstance will the check be sent to the scholar.

\*Any circumstance that occurs outside of the guidelines above will be settled by our scholarship committee on a case-by-case basis. Decisions made by the scholarship committee are final.