Scholarship Application Criteria

Criteria for 2021-22 Academic Scholarships

To be eligible to apply for an Israel Brooks Foundation academic scholarship, the following criteria must be met:

- **Cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.7 or higher at the time of application**
- **An active member of Saint John Baptist Church, Columbia, South Carolina OR a Child or Grandchild of a member of law enforcement**
- **Acceptance or currently enrolled as a fulltime student in a college/university for 2021-22 Academic Year**
- **You are not eligible if you have already obtained an undergraduate degree.**

All applicants must complete an online application found on the Israel Brooks Foundation website (www.ibrooksfoundation.com), inclusive of the following documents:

- **Valid Transcript** from the applicant's current or most recently attended high school (secondary school), college, or university. *Transcripts that have been downloaded, screenshot, or printed and scanned directly from the applicant's college or university website are acceptable for the submission of the scholarship application.*
- **Two letters of recommendation** (1 educational & 1 personal) from persons other than relatives)
- **Essay**: ***all essays must be formatted MLA Style, 750-word requirement which is equivalent to 3 pages double spaced (Please note that the word count does not include the Title page or the Works Cited page(s))***
    - High School Senior Topic: "Israel Brooks: His Life and Legacy"
    - College Undergraduate Topic: "What is the Importance of the African American vote?"
- **High School Seniors: Copy of your College Letter of Acceptance** verifying acceptance as an enrolled student for the 2021-22 academic year. Note: Student enrollment status must be full-time (12 or more credit hours)
- **Undergraduate:** Fulltime enrollment in an accredited college/university for the 2021-22 Academic year (Schedule from the Registrar's Office of your chosen college/university)
- Program of study (optional)

Application Guidelines for Academic Scholarships

All applications and supporting materials for scholarships must be submitted in the format specified on the Israel Brooks Foundation website for each item, and must be complete and verified before being considered by the Israel Brooks Foundation Scholarship Application Evaluation Committee. Only complete applications with all required supporting materials that are received by the published deadline will be considered by the Israel Brooks Foundation Scholarship Application Evaluation Committee. Incomplete applications will not be considered. See Terms and Conditions below:

- Your essay will be graded based on a rubric (grammar, content, spelling, format, and theme)
- Scores will be weighted with 80% on the written essay and 20% on your virtual interview
- Virtual Interview dates will be determined at a later date

Selection Process for Academic Scholarships

All completed applications accompanied by all required supporting materials will be reviewed by the Israel Brooks Foundation Scholarship Application Evaluation Committee to ensure that every applicant receives full consideration. Applicants will be scored using a points system based on the quality of the content provided.

All decisions by the Israel Brooks Foundation Scholarship Application Evaluation Committee are final.

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Notice of Academic Scholarship Award

- Successful applicants will be awarded only one (1) Israel Brooks Foundation Scholarship per calendar year. This is inclusive of academic scholarships, professional development scholarships, and awards.
- The scholarship will be split into two equal portions over the fall and spring semesters. *(A copy of your 2021 fall semester transcript and your 2022 spring schedule will be required to receive your 2022 spring disbursement.)*
- Initial notice to scholarship finalists will be sent via email to the address provided on the application.
- Israel Brooks Foundation will ask for signature of promotional release and educational records release documents. *The scholarship is not officially awarded until finalists return the required documents.*
- Final notice of awarded scholarships will be sent to each finalist via email and/or postal mail, where possible, after verification is complete.
- The scholarship payment will be made by check to the recipient. All academic scholarships shall be awarded for use in an academic degree-granting program in a college or university accredited by a nationally or regionally recognized accrediting agency, as defined by the United States Department of Education.

Awards for academic year 2021-22 are as follows:

Awards will be to applicants that achieve the highest scores from the essay and panel interview.

***Graduating High School Seniors: 1st place - $1,500 | 2nd place - $750 | 3rd place - $500**

***College Undergraduates: 1st place - $1,500 | 2nd place - $750 | 3rd place - $500**

**Note: Award amounts are divided equally between Fall 2021 and Spring 2022 semesters*

Deadline for submission is July 6, 2021 by 11:59 PM

Submit documents online to www.ibrooksfoundation.com/scholarship-application

Israel Brooks Foundation offers scholarships in its sole and absolute discretion and Contingent upon the availability of funds and continuation of the scholarship program.