

Homer S. Jackson, Sr.

Future Teacher Scholarship



1917-1994

If I had the opportunity to start all over again, what would I do? I would choose education, for as a teacher, I have had the opportunity to deal with minds—to shape and fashion them in the way they should be.

~Homer S. Jackson, Sr.

The Homer S. Jackson, Sr. Future Teacher Scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior who plans to become a teacher. The purpose of the scholarship fund is to award one senior with a \$500 scholarship to assist with the cost of furthering his or her education at a state college or a four-year college or university. Applications will be reviewed by the Homer S. Jackson Scholarship Fund Committee, and the award will be presented at the Senior Recognition Day of the selected applicant's school.

Homer S. Jackson, Sr., innovative educator, lecturer, philosopher, poet, writer and speaker, was often called "A Man Before His Time," and "A Man of Vision." Born in Jacksonville, Florida, and raised in Daytona Beach, Jackson was the seventh child of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jackson. He was graduated from Campbell Street High School, Florida Normal College in St. Augustine (A.A.), Albany State College (B.S.), and the Florida A&M University (M.A.).

Jackson came to Bay County during World War II during a rapid growth period for the area where he organized programs and clubs for hundreds of youth. He wrote and produced the first stage show at Tyndall Air Force Base. Before there was a business program for black secondary students, Jackson set up a business school where many young people learned typing, bookkeeping, and duplicating skills after school. He served as principal of March Green Elementary School, Oak Grove Elementary, Shaw Elementary and Rosenwald High schools. He retired from Bay District Schools as an assistant principal of Haney Vocational Technical School in 1984.

Jackson enjoyed writing and was nominated for Poet Laureate of Florida. From his pen came "The Flamingo Traveler," "Bigger Than Most," "Freedom is Priceless," "Prayers for President Jimmy Carter," and his most noted work, *Sketches in the Sand*.

He chaired the development of Bay County's first superior accredited school—Patterson Elementary School. He organized the first black school safety patrol in the county. He was often called upon to serve as guest speaker for local churches, and was the founder of the youth department at his own church, St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church.

Jackson was instrumental in enriching the lives of many. He never hesitated to help young people and provide them with hope, encouragement, and opportunity. For this reason, the Homer S. Jackson, Sr., Scholarship was established in his honor in 1981 to assist deserving students in their pursuit of a higher education. Jackson died in 1994, but his memory is still cherished by many people. His son, Homer, Jr., and his family still reside in Bay County.

This scholarship is administered through the
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Panama City, FL 32401
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Homer S. Jackson, Sr., Future Teacher Scholarship Annual Award of \$500

I. Personal Information:

Student Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ FL Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Student Cell Phone _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Address (if different from applicant) _____

Parent Work Phone _____

II. Eligibility Assurances: check all that apply.

- I am a graduating senior from a public school in Bay County.
- I have a GPA of 2.5 or better.
- I have definite plans to attend college no later than the fall term after my graduation.
- I agree to provide a photograph and to allow my name and personal information to be used for publicity/fundraising purposes if I am awarded the scholarship.

III. Activities and Service:

List the types of volunteer community service you have performed and the number of certified volunteer hours you have earned in each.

List any school and/or community clubs and activities of which you are a part. Please include any offices you have held or other accomplishments as a leader.

IV. Educational Goals: In an essay of 500 words or less, outline your educational goals including what school you will attend, what area(s) of study you will pursue, and what degree/certificate you hope to earn. *Please type and submit as attachment A.*

V. Letter of Recommendation: Please include a letter of recommendation from an adult (teacher, minister, or the like) that includes an evaluation of your character and work ethic. *Submit as attachment B.*

VI. Transcript: *Please submit an official school transcript as attachment C.*

VII. Please attach a current photograph to be used for publicity purposes. By submitting this application with the photograph, you agree that your photograph and name may be used in recognition of receipt of the scholarship should you be the selected recipient.

Signature of Applicant: _____

***DUE DATE: Return to the Bay Education Foundation
1311 Balboa Avenue, Panama City, FL 32401
NO LATER THAN MARCH 25, 2019.***

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