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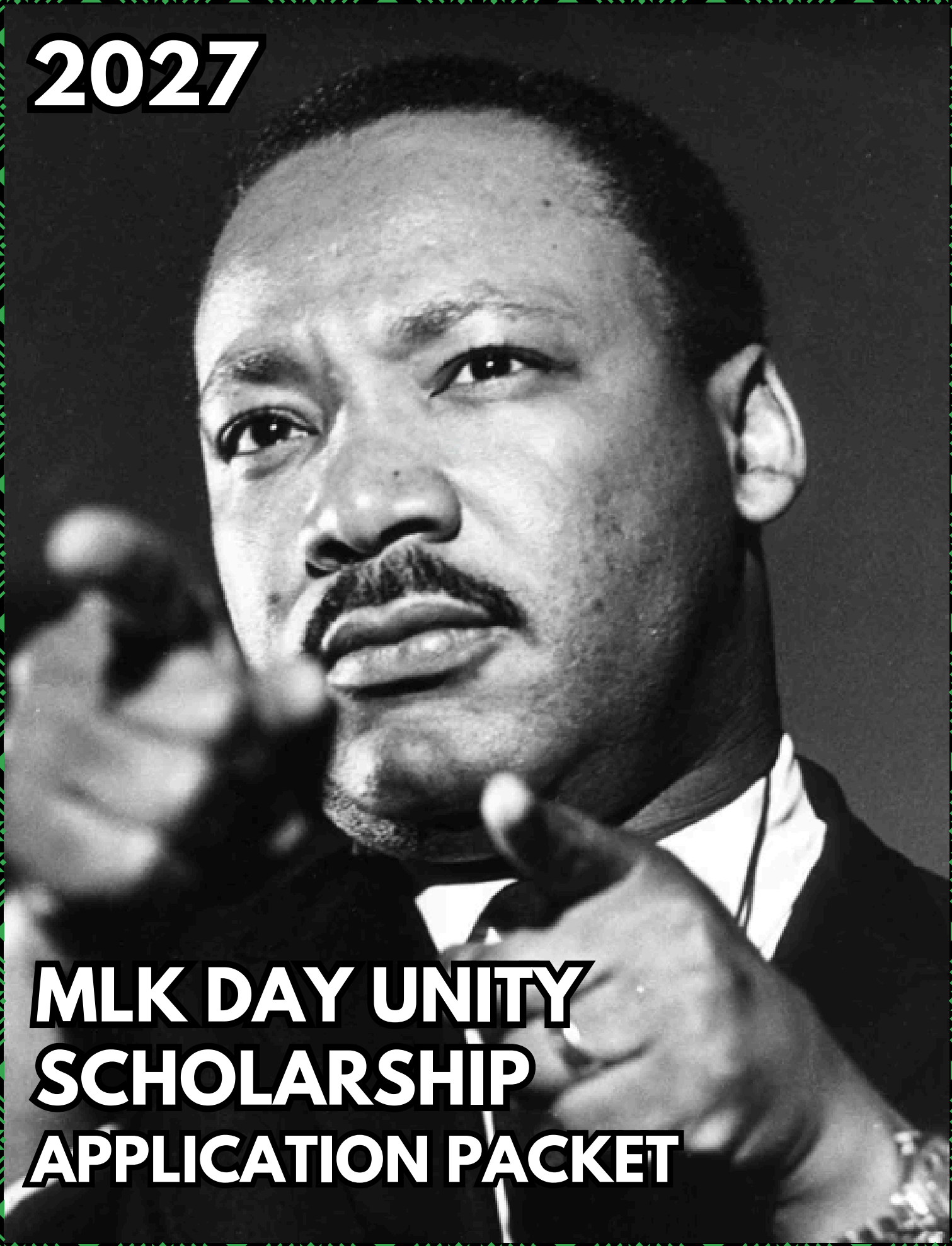

MLK DAY UNITY SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATION PACKET

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SCHOLARSHIPS

Dear Friends,

Martin Luther King, Jr. took hold of the freedoms promised by our nation's founding fathers and used his constitutional rights when he made his speech and developed his dream. By taking action on his dream, Dr. King was able to change the future of men, women and children, and impact so many aspects of our current society. It is this spirit that inspired us to continue the theme for the 2027 MLK Day Unity Scholarships.

To change the future of Upstate youth, scholarships will be awarded totaling over $300,000 and presented at the MLK Day Unity Gala on January 16, 2026 at 7:00pm. All scholarships entries will be evaluated for selection based on transcripts, letters of recommendation, autobiography statement, GPA, financial need, leadership and community service. The criteria for the scholarships are as follows:

Hustle Grind Stack Legacy Scholarship ($500)

- *Cumulative 3.0 GPA or higher*
- *Male or Female high school senior attending college or university in Fall of 2027*
- *Acceptance and full-time attendance at an accredited institution of higher education for the Fall of 2027*
- *Demonstrated Leadership and Community Service*
- *Pursuing a Business, Leadership or Human Development Major*

So Secure: Supporting Success Scholarship ($500)

- *Cumulative 3.0 GPA or higher*
- *Female high school senior attending college or university in Fall of 2027*
- *Acceptance and full-time attendance at an accredited institution of higher education for the Fall of 2027*
- *Demonstrated Leadership and Community Service*

Young Brothers Academy Community Scholarship ($500)

- *Cumulative 3.0 GPA or higher*
- *Male or Female high school senior attending college or university in Fall of 2027*
- *Acceptance and full-time attendance at an accredited institution of higher education for the Fall of 2027*
- *Demonstrated Leadership and Community Service*

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. Alpha Lambda Sigma Chapter Book Scholarship ($500)

- *Cumulative 3.0 GPA or higher*
- *Male high school senior attending college or university in Fall of 2027*
- *Acceptance and full-time attendance at an accredited institution of higher education for the Fall of 2027*
- *Demonstrated Leadership and Community Service*

Quillen and Main Investment LLC Scholarship ($500)

- *Cumulative 3.0 GPA or higher*
- *Acceptance and full-time attendance at an accredited college or university of higher education for the Fall of 2027*
- *African-American, female student who demonstrate a strong interest in finance, investing, or economics and a commitment to furthering their knowledge and skills in these areas.*
- *Additionally, preference may be given to students who actively participate in investment-related clubs, internships, or initiatives that encourages financial literacy and responsible investing.*

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Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Epsilon Iota Zeta Chapters Marie Bates Book Scholarship ($500)

- *Male or Female Greenville County School District high school senior attending college or university in Fall of 2027*
- *Acceptance and full-time attendance at an accredited 4-year institution of higher education for the the Fall 2027*
- *Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 or greater*
- *Demonstrated Leadership and Community Service*

Margaret T. Jackson Scholarship- ($500)

- *Cumulative 3.0 GPA or higher*
- *Male or Female high school senior attending college or university in Fall of 2027*
- *Acceptance and full-time attendance at an accredited institution of higher education for the Fall of 2027*
- *Demonstrated Leadership and Community Service*

Live Wire Pros Scholarship ($500)

- *Male or Female high school senior attending college/university or trade school in Fall of 2027*
- *Cumulative 3.0 GPA or higher*
- *Two-year college*
- *Must pursue a trade in electrical work*

J. Mychals Group Real Estate Scholarship ($1000)

- *Cumulative 3.0 GPA or higher*
- *Black female majoring in Construction, Electrical Technology, or Welding*
- *Must be willing to be mentored by the J Mychals Real Estate Group*
- *Must attend Greenville Technical College or a HBCU college*
- *Must be present at the MLK Unity Scholarship Gala to receive the scholarship*

Mama Tee Legacy of Love and Service Scholarship ($1000)

- *Must be a high school senior.*
- *Must have a minimum GPA of 2.5 or higher.*
- *Must demonstrate leadership, kindness, and a commitment to serving others, reflecting Mama Tee's legacy of love.*
- *Must be actively involved in community service, church, or volunteer activities.*
- *Preference will be given to students planning to attend an HBCU.*

MLK Unity Scholarship ($1000)

- *Male or female high school senior from Upstate, SC attending college or university in Fall of 2027*
- *Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or greater*
- *Demonstrated leadership and community service*
- *Acceptance and full-time attendance at an accredited institution of higher education for the Fall of 2027*

Tri- Logistics Scholarship ($1000)

- *Cumulative 3.0 GPA or higher*
- *Black female attending Greenville Technical College*
- *Must be present at the MLK Unity Scholarship Gala to receive the scholarship*

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Long Branch Baptist Church ($1000)
- *Student must maintain a 3.0 gpa or higher*
- *Male or Female high school senior attending college or university in Fall of 2027*
- *Student does not have to be a member of Long Branch Baptist Church*
- *Student must complete 10-20 hours of community service*
- *Acceptance and full-time attendance at an accredited institution of higher education for the Fall of 2027*

Beverly Diane Crouch Scholarship ($1000)
- *Male or Female high school senior attending college or university in Fall of 2027*
- *Cumulative 3.0 GPA or higher*
- *Community service requirements minimum of 10 hours*
- *Two-year or four-year college preference*
- *Must pursue a major in mental health, social work, recreational or occupational therapy*

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Epsilon Iota Zeta Chapter Bernice Barton Scholarship ($1500)
- *Male or Female Greenville County School District high school senior attending college or university in Fall of 2027*
- *Acceptance and full-time attendance at an accredited 4-year institution of higher education for the the Fall 2027*
- *Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 or greater*
- *Demonstrated Leadership and Community Service*

Bridge Builders Scholarship ($1500)
- *Cumulative 3.0 GPA or higher*
- *Male or Female high school senior attending college or university in Fall of 2027*
- *Acceptance and full-time attendance at an accredited institution of higher education for the Fall of 2027*
- *Demonstrated Leadership and Community Service*

James Curtis Harkness Foundation ($2000)
- *Senior at any high school in the School District of Greenville County or a public charter high school in Greenville County*
- *A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale)*
- *A minimum score of 900 on the highest combined Critical Reading and Math portions of the SAT or a minimum composite score of 19 on the ACT*
- *Plan to attend an accredited 2 or 4-year college*
- *Relatives of the JCH Foundation Board of Directors are not eligible to apply*

Bethlehem Baptist Church MLK Scholarship ($2500)
- *Student must maintain a 3.0 gpa or higher*
- *Student does not have to be a member of BBC*
- *Student must complete 10-20 hours of community service*
- *Acceptance and full-time attendance at an accredited institution of higher education for the Fall of 2027*

MLK Unity Gold Scholarship ($2500)
- *Male or female high school senior from Upstate, SC attending college or university in Fall of 2027*
- *Cumulative GPA of 3.5 or greater*
- *Demonstrated leadership and community service*
- *Acceptance and full-time attendance at an accredited institution of higher education for the Fall of 2027*

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Tory Dandy Foundation Scholarship ($2500)
- *Cumulative 3.0 GPA or higher*
- *Male or Female high school senior attending South Carolina State University in Fall of 2027*
- *Acceptance and full-time attendance at South Carolina State University for the Fall of 2027*
- *Demonstrated Leadership and Community Service*

Randy Jackson Scholarship ($2500)
- *Male or Female high school senior attending college in Fall of 2027*
- *Acceptance and full-time attendance at an accredited institution of higher education for the Fall of 2027*
- *Demonstrated Leadership and Community Service*
- *Must pursue a major in sports medicine, business, or leadership development*

McKnight/Norris Scholarship ($2500)
- *Male or Female high school senior attending college in Fall of 2027*
- *Acceptance and full-time attendance at an accredited institution of higher education for the Fall of 2027*
- *Demonstrated Leadership and Community Service*
- *Must pursue a major in education*

Carlo and Nika White Foundation Scholarship $8000.00 ($2000.00 per year for four years)
- *Male or female high school senior from Upstate, SC attending college in Fall of 2027*
- *Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or greater*
- *Demonstrated leadership and community service*
- *Acceptance and full-time attendance at an accredited institution of higher education for the Fall of 2027*

University of South Carolina Upstate Promise Scholarship (Up to $11,000)
- *Life or Palmetto Scholar*
- *Male or Female high school senior attending college in Fall of 2027*
- *Acceptance and full-time attendance at an accredited institution of higher education for the Fall of 2027*
- *Demonstrated Leadership and Community Service*
- *Complete FAFSA*

Must apply, be admitted, and enroll full-time at USC Upstate for the Fall of 2027.

Morris College Scholarship (Full-Tuition-up to $15,000.00)
- *Male or female high school senior from Upstate, SC attending college in Fall of 2027*
- *Minimum 3.5 GPA (Unweighted)*
- *Demonstrated leadership and service in school and in their community*

****Must apply, be admitted, and enroll full-time at Morris College for the Fall of 2027.***

Presbyterian College Expansive Excellence Scholarship $88,000.00 (minimum of $22,000.00 per year for 4 years)
- *Minimum 3.75 SC UGP GPA*
- *Demonstrated leadership and service in school and in their community*
- *Commitment to continued leadership and service while enrolled at Presbyterian College*

Not to be combined with other Merit scholarships at PC. Must apply, be admitted, and enroll full-time at PC for the Fall of 2027.

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Required Documentation

Please attach the following:

Autobiography (a minimum of 250 words and maximum of 500 words). Include extracurricular activities, leadership experience, work experience, community service, honors and special awards. Discuss any obstacles that you have overcome, indicating how each has impacted your life. Please provide the committee with any pertinent information which you would like us to consider in reviewing your application.

Two current letters of recommendation: one from school personnel (counselor, teacher, principal, coach, etc.) and one from an organization for which you have provided community service.

Current copy of your official transcript (must contain the school seal and be in a sealed envelope).

Applicant Agreement

1. It is understood that false statements on this application shall be sufficient cause for rejection of this application.

I _____, certify that all information given is accurate

2. I fully understand that if I am awarded this scholarship I must submit the following information by Fall of 2026 or the scholarship will be forfeited.

- Enrollment form from attending college.
- Scholarship recipient's request for scholarship funds must be received in writing no later than two weeks prior to the time funds are to be forwarded to the college.
- Scholarship recipient's Social Security Number and the name and address of the college are to be included in the letter requesting funds.

3. It is my understanding that the scholarship will be awarded 1/2 per semester and paid directly to the school.

4. My academic and campus activities may be released to the **MLK Day Unity Scholarship Committee** at the end of each quarter or semester. All information will be kept in the strictest of confidence.

5. I _____, fully understand that all of my materials must be sent via postal mail to: **Dreamchasers Attn - MLK Day Unity Scholarship P.O.Box 6014 Greenville, SC 29606** as one complete packet and no materials will be accepted via email.

(Official transcripts are allowed to be mailed in a separate envelope from the school.)

Applicant Signature: _____ **Parent/ Guardian Signature: _____**

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DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS:

November 9, 2026 (MLK Application must be postmarked by November 9,2026.)

For all inquiries associated with scholarships (including confirmation of receipt of materials) please contact us via email at info@theunityweekend.com
A reply will be provided within 24-48 hours.

MLK Unity Gala:

January 15, 2027 at 7:00pm

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Please print or type • Application Deadline – November 9, 2026 • Only one application per student required

First Name:	Middle Name:	Last Name:
Sex: Male Female	DOB: / /	
Citizenship: US Citizen	Non-Citizen	Neither Citizen nor Eligible Citizen
Phone Number:	Email Address:	
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Current School:	Class Rank:	Cumulative GPA: ACT: SAT:
Father's Name:	Father's Employer/ Occupation:	
Phone Number:		
Mother's Name:	Mother's Employer/ Occupation:	
Phone Number:		
With whom do you reside? Father	Mother Both	Other: (list)

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College Information (in order of preference)

College Name	Tuition (per year)	Room + Board (per year)	Have you been accepted?

Intended College Major: _____ Intended College Minor: _____

Career Goal: _____

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