

The Cara J. Walton Memorial Scholarship

The Cara J. Walton Memorial Scholarship was established by her mother Ms. Patsy Walton after the sudden passing of her daughter three months before graduating Magna Cum Laude with her Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from Alabama State University in Spring, 2020. As a freshman, Cara was able to start her social action journey by joining the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), and Collegiate 100[®]. During her sophomore year and for remainder of her collegiate career, Cara became Chief of Staff for the Collegiate 100[®], a team member and manager of the Hospitality Operations Student Team (HOST), a mentor for the University's ASPIRE program, and appointed as an Associate Justice for the Judicial branch of the Student Government Association. She was also a member volunteer of Black Lives Matter and aided in the Montgomery campaign during the Fall 2019 election leading to the 1st Black Mayor of Montgomery. In the Spring of 2019 Cara was able to achieve her lifelong dream of being initiated into the Beta Eta Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Cara was a long-time member of Brown Missionary Baptist Church who actively participated in the Youth Choir, Sunday School, and the annual Singing Christmas Tree. One of her and her mom's favorite scriptures was Jeremiah 29:11. She lived each day fully and got a lot done in her 22 years of earthly life.

This scholarship is in the loving memory and honor of Cara J. Walton and will be awarded to one high school senior based on the following guidelines:

- Student must include a copy of high school transcript, official or unofficial, indicating a 3.75 unweighted GPA.
- Must complete scholarship application.
- Must be a member of Brown Missionary Baptist Church.
- Must be a resident and student of Shelby County or DeSoto County
- Must be attending an Out-of-State HBCU: proof of acceptance must be included with application and proof of enrollment will be required if scholarship is granted.
- Must submit a double spaced typed essay of "Why I Chose to Attend a HBCU". Minimum of 250 words.

All documents must be uploaded and submitted to scholarship@brownbaptist.org by May 8, 2021.

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General Information:

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone () _____ - _____

Parents/Guardian: _____

Email Address: _____

Education History:

High School: _____

Current GPA: _____

Name of the College attending in the Fall: _____

Name Major Field of Study _____

Activities:

List all leadership positions you have held in date order (high school, work, community, church):

List all extracurricular activities you have been involved in (clubs, church, sports, other organizations):

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List all awards/honors you have received in church, school, and other organizations):

“I certify that the information on this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge as evidenced by these signatures. I understand that all information contained on this application is subject to verification and that false information will lead to disqualification.”

Applicant’s Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent’s Signature: _____ Date: _____