
DECISION APPLICATION

*“Success is not when you make it. It is when you help someone else make it.”
– Rev. P.H. Carmichael*

NOTE: PAGES 1-4 REMAIN WITH APPLICANT/PARENT

**SCHOLAR EXPERIENCE:
The P.H. Carmichael Foundation**

To The APPLICANT: PLEASE READ BEFORE PROCEEDING

The P.H. Carmichael Foundation provides fundamental support to participants in their preparation for college entrance. The program provides opportunities for participants to succeed in pre-college performance and ultimately in higher education pursuits. The P.H. Carmichael Foundation serves high school students from low-income families and high school students from families in which neither parent holds a bachelor's degree.

- Academic, financial, or personal counseling
- Exposure to academic programs and cultural events
- Tutorial services
- Mentoring programs
- Information on postsecondary education opportunities
- Assistance in completing college entrance and financial aid applications
- Assistance in preparing for college entrance exams

Eligibility

Students must be in at least the 10th grade, be between the ages of 15 and 18 and have a need for academic support in order to pursue a program of postsecondary education. All students must either be from low-income families or be potential first-generation college students. Students are selected based on recommendations from local educators, social workers, clergy, or other interested parties. It is preferred that students apply to The P.H. Carmichael Foundation before they reach the twelfth grade. Students going into their senior year will be considered pending their interview and essay.

About the Program

The Paul Heyward Carmichael Foundation produces college graduates and exceptional citizens through a mentoring and scholarship program for South Carolina youth. Scholars benefit from having an experienced college graduate who is a working professional, assist them in their collegiate and career goals. Scholars are eligible for financial assistance upon meeting Foundation requirements at the end of the program.

About Rev. P.H. Carmichael

Rev. Dr. Paul Heyward Carmichael is a 1949 graduate of Claflin University in Orangeburg, S.C. He received his honorary doctorate degree from Allen University in Columbia, S.C. in 1960.

Rev. Carmichael was a pastor in South Carolina for more than 40 years and an educator for 30 years.

His parents passed away as a child and his older sister and her husband raised him in the 1920s. Determined to disprove what he was told about a Black man not needing an education, he financed his education by rotating working a year and attending school a year until he received his degree from Claflin.

This program is named in honor of Rev. Carmichael because of his desire and determination to receive an education and because of his work as a pastor, educator and mentor.

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THE P.H. CARMICHAEL FOUNDATION

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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE APPLICATION

- Read and complete each item carefully in **blue or black** ink or by typing. If printing, please do so legibly. Please use birth given name, not nicknames, etc.
- Incomplete applications will not be reviewed. Errors could delay the processing of your application.
- To obtain assistance with completing the application, please contact the P.H. Carmichael Foundation.
- Make sure you use the enclosed checklist to determine if you have correctly completed the application and attached all the necessary documents.

How Are Participants Selected for The P.H. Carmichael Foundation?

Requirements for Admission

An individual applying to The P.H. Carmichael Foundation Program must meet the program requirements. Income status will be determined from the copy of the income tax information you enclose. Additionally, an applicant is eligible to participate in The P.H. Carmichael Foundation Program if he or she can, through the application process, demonstrate a need for academic support to successfully pursue a program of education beyond high school. At the time of initial selection, the applicant applying to The P.H. Carmichael Foundation Program must have completed the tenth grade, be at least 16 years old, and not older than 18 years old. An applicant should apply to The P.H. Carmichael Foundation program before their twelfth grade year.

The P.H. Carmichael Foundation operates year-round. Applicants interested in admission should expect to spend at least two years with the Foundation. For applicants not admitted following the recruitment period, a wait list is maintained for future consideration.

THIS APPLICATION WILL NOT BE PROCESSED IF ALL INFORMATION REQUESTED (INCLUDED ANY SUPPORTING AND APPLICABLE INFORMATION IS NOT PROVIDED.

PLEASE DO NOT SUBMIT ORIGINAL COPIES OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION WITH THIS APPLICATION. PLEASE PROVIDE ONLY COPIES.

Note: Submission of this application does not guarantee admission into The P.H. Carmichael Foundation Program.

PLEASE FILL OUT ALL DOCUMENTS NEATLY AND IN BLUE OR BLACK INK.

NOTE:

**COMPLETION AND SUBMISSION OF THIS APPLICATION DOES NOT CONSTITUTE
ACCEPTANCE INTO THE P.H. CARMICHAEL FOUNDATION PROGRAM**

Current Grade _____ Current Grade Point Average _____

(Please submit a copy of your most current grade report and transcript with this application.)

Have you taken the PSAT test? Yes ___ No ___ What is your PSAT score? _____

(please attach a copy of your PSAT Score results to this application.)

Have you taken the ACT? Yes ___ No ___ Score _____

Have you taken the SAT? Yes ___ No ___ Score _____

(You must attach a copy of your ACT OR SAT Score results to this application.)

Have you failed any parts of the HSAP? Yes _____ No _____.

(A copy of your HSAP results must be attached with this application.)

Do you plan to attend a Four year College or University after high school? Yes _____ No _____

(if no, please explain WHY NOT on a separate sheet of paper.)

Have you ever applied to the P.H. Carmichael Foundation Program before? Yes _____ No _____

Do you participate in another pre-college program? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, which? _____

Do you have a sister or brother currently participating in the P.H. Carmichael Foundation Program?

Yes ___ No ___ If yes, what is his or her name(s)? _____

Are you physically challenged or have any certified learning disabilities?

Yes ___ No ___ *(If yes, please explain on an attached sheet.)*

Describe yourself by checking one circle:

- African American, Black
- Asian American, Asian, Pacific Islander
- European American, Anglo, Caucasian
- Hispanic American, Latino, Chicano
- Native American, American Indian, Alaskan Indian
- Bi-Cultural (please specify) _____
- Bi-Racial (please specify) _____
- Other (please specify) _____

SECTION B FAMILY INFORMATION

**THIS SECTION IS TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENTS / LEGAL GUARDIANS ONLY.
SECTIONS B-E. ALL INFORMATION WILL BE HELD IN THE STRICTEST CONFIDENCE.**

Mother's Name _____

(Please Circle Mrs., Ms., Miss)

First

Last

Is your mother employed? Yes ___ No ___ Where is she employed? _____

Mother's work phone () _____ Mother's home phone () _____

Mother's cell () _____ Email address _____

Father's Name _____

(Please Circle Jr., Sr.)

First

Last

Is your father employed? Yes ___ No ___ Where is he employed? _____

Father's work phone () _____ Father's home phone () _____

Father's cell () _____ Email address _____

Applicant lives with:

- Both Parents
- Mother
- Father
- Guardian
- Other (please specify) _____

If applicant is adopted, in foster care, or living with a court appointed guardian, etc. is this recognized through a court or law? Yes ___ No ___ In what State? _____

SECTION C DOCUMENTATION OF INCOME

Name of the Head of the Household? _____

What is the relationship to the applicant? _____

Is the applicant claimed as a dependent on the tax form of the head of the household? Yes ___ No ____
(If not, an explanation must be attached to this application.)

Please list all family members who live within the household on the chart, please include the applicant.
(You may use a separate sheet of paper if necessary.)

Name	Age	Relation to Applicant	Grade level if in school	Free/reduced lunch at school	College	Employed

Does your family receive income from any of the sources listed below?
(Please check all applicable sources and indicate the dollar amount received.)

Food Stamps _____ SSI _____ VA/GI Bill _____ Pension/Retirement _____

Unemployment _____ Alimony _____ Child Support _____ Other _____

Please ATTACH any additional income information you NEED to share with us in support of this application.

SECTION D EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT OF PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Answer the questions below as they apply.

Educational Attainment Level	Mother	Father	Legal Guardian
Completed Middle School <i>(answer yes or no, if applicable)</i>			
Completed High School <i>(answer yes or no, if applicable)</i>			
Number of Years in High School <i>(how many, if applicable)</i>			
Graduated from High School <i>(answer yes or no, if applicable)</i>			
Number of Years in a College/University <i>(how many, if applicable)</i>			
Graduated from a Four Year College/University <i>(answer yes or no, if applicable)</i>			
Attended a Graduate or Professional Program <i>(answer yes or no, if applicable)</i>			
Completed a Graduate or Professional Program <i>(answer yes or no, if applicable)</i>			

Have any of your other children earned a four-year college degree?

Yes ___ No ___ How many? _____

SECTION E**PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT**

One of the goals of the P.H. Carmichael Foundation Program is to encourage parents and legal guardians to support participation in the development of participants' academic progress.

Are you willing to become involved in workshops/activities? Yes ___ No ___

Please list two things you want the P.H. Carmichael Foundation to do for your child, if he or she is admitted.

1. _____
2. _____

Please list two things you want the P.H. Carmichael Foundation to do for you as a committed parent/guardian, if your child is admitted.

1. _____
2. _____

Please list at least two ways in which you plan to support your child's participation in the P.H. Carmichael Foundation Program if he or she is admitted.

1. _____
2. _____

Have you discussed attending and graduating from a college /university with your child? Yes ___ No ___

Have you discussed participating in the Foundation Program with your child? Yes ___ No ___

Do you review your child's grades with he/she after each grading period? Yes ___ No ___

Do you help your child plan their class schedule? Yes ___ No ___

Have you ever met with any of your child's teachers at school? Yes ___ No ___

Are there established rules for studying in your household? Yes ___ No ___

Do you know the high school graduation requirements? Yes ___ No ___

Are you aware of HSAP? Yes ___ No ___

Have you started a college savings plan for your child? Yes ___ No ___

Have you ever heard of financial aid? Yes ___ No ___

How do you feel about helping your child with homework?

SECTION F UNDERSTANDING

ACADEMIC NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY

Applicant's Name _____

Age _____ Date of Birth _____ Current Grade _____ Current GPA _____

Phone Number () _____ 2nd Phone Number () _____

Did either of your parents graduate from a four year college or university? Yes No

Please check the box below that best indicates how you first learned about the P.H. Carmichael Foundation Program.

- | | | |
|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Counselor | <input type="checkbox"/> A Friend or Relative | <input type="checkbox"/> High School Teacher |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community / Leader | <input type="checkbox"/> Foundation Web Site | <input type="checkbox"/> Former Foundation Scholar |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | | |

Please answer each question with a “yes” or “no” response.

ACADEMICS

- | | | |
|--|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| I need to hand in homework on a more consistent basis. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| I need to get better grades in school. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| I need help in math. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| I need help in science. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| I need help in English. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| I need help in social studies. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| I need help in foreign language. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| I need to learn how to take better notes. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| I need to develop stronger study habits. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| I need to learn relaxation techniques to reduce test anxiety. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| I need to learn test-taking strategies. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| I need to learn how to read a textbook more effectively. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| I need to develop a better attitude toward learning. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| I need to receive guidance in selecting academic courses. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| I need to be enrolled in more college prep courses. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| I need to know more about high school graduation requirements. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| I need to listen more effectively in class. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| I need to learn how to participate in classroom discussion. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| I need to communicate more effectively with teachers. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| I need to know more about my strengths and weaknesses. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| I need to understand what I can realistically achieve. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| I need to learn how to manage my time so that personal, academic, and extracurricular activities are balanced. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

CAREERS

- | | | |
|---|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| I need to know how to prepare for careers that interest me. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
|---|------------------------------|-----------------------------|

- I need to know more about possible careers and the world of work. Yes No
- I need to know how to apply and interview for jobs. Yes No
- I need to talk to a counselor about career plans. Yes No
- I need to have my parents involved in my career plans. Yes No

COLLEGE PLANS

- I need to learn more about financial aid for college. Yes No
- I need to learn more about college admission requirements. Yes No
- I need to understand the college application process. Yes No
- I need to decide which type of postsecondary institution to attend. Yes No

PERSONAL

- I need to experience more cultural activities. Yes No
- I need to become more familiar with people of other cultures. Yes No
- I need to develop confidence in myself. Yes No
- I need to understand how my feelings affect my behavior. Yes No
- I need somebody to listen to me when I have problems. Yes No
- I need to learn to tell others how I feel. Yes No
- I need to be a better listener and respond better to others. Yes No
- I need to build trusting relationships with others. Yes No
- I need to become more tolerant with people whose views differ from mine. Yes No
- I need to get along better with members of my family. Yes No
- I need to set goals in my life. Yes No
- I need to know how to assess and evaluate my goals. Yes No
- I need to accept greater responsibility for my actions. Yes No
- I need to learn how to make decisions. Yes No

Please check all the additional services you would like to receive assistance with from the P.H.

Carmichael Foundation.

- | | | |
|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Study Skills | <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Time Management |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Team Building | <input type="checkbox"/> Stress Management | <input type="checkbox"/> ACT/SAT Preparation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Technology Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Wellness Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Wellness Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drug/Alcohol Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Decision Making | <input type="checkbox"/> Communication Skills |

Other (please specify) _____

1. Are you enrolled in college preparatory courses? Yes No Not Applicable
2. If invited to participate in the P.H. Carmichael Foundation Program, are you willing to commit to full-time participation in a year-round academic program? Yes No
3. If invited to participate the P.H. Carmichael Foundation, do you have transportation to meetings and workshops? Yes No
4. What are your plans after high school (please check): 4-year college 2-year college
 Military Vocational technical training Work Undecided
5. If applicable, how would you rate your motivation to graduate from high school and complete a four-year college degree? High Motivation Average Motivation Low Motivation

- 5a. Did any person(s) or event(s) influence your plans? Yes No
6. What type of people do you think attend college? _____
- 6a. Are you this type of person? Yes No
7. Does anyone encourage you to go to college? Yes No If yes, who?
8. What would stop you from attending college? _____
9. Do you need to work part-time in order to help support your family? Yes No
- 9a. Do you currently have a full-time or part-time job? Yes No
If yes, where? _____
- 9b. How many hours a week do you work? _____
10. What best describes how you think your classmates view you?
 I'm very popular I'm popular
 My classmates don't know me very well I'm unpopular
11. Have you ever been suspended from school? Yes No
- 11a. Have you ever been expelled from school? Yes No
12. How many days have you been absent from school during the present school year? _____
13. Please circle all of the following descriptions, which you feel describe you:
- | | | | | |
|--------------|--------------------|------------------|----------|--------------|
| Courteous | Interested in Life | Hardworking | Shy | Follower |
| Serious | Strong | Logical/Rational | Lazy | Trustworthy |
| Tired | Outgoing | Friendly | Fat | Disorganized |
| Organized | Happy | Depressed | Bored | Weak Student |
| Good Student | Loyal | Rude | Humorous | Interesting |
| Dumb/Stupid | Kind/Sensitive | Boring | Thin | Patient |
| Attractive | A Quitter | Cute | Leader | Intelligent |
| Impulsive | A Finisher | Impatient | Ugly | Angry |

PERSONAL STATEMENTS

These statements are to be composed by the applicant without assistance from anyone.

Statements must be neatly handwritten or typed.

15. What do you like about school?

16. What don't you like about school?

17. What career do you dream of having when you are an adult?

18. Describe your plan for achieving your career goal.

19. List your favorite school subject(s) and indicate the grade(s) you got in those subjects on your last report card.

20. List your least favorite school subject(s) and indicate the grade(s) you got in those subjects on your last report card.

21. How many hours do you spend doing homework each night?

22. List all of your extra-curricular activities. Please include school, church, community, and personal.

23. If you had the ability to change anything about yourself, what would you change?

24. What are your special interests or hobbies?

Please complete the following statement:

25. I think that you will want to choose me as a scholar for the P.H. Carmichael Foundation because . . .

Signature _____

Date _____

CERTIFICATION OF THE P.H. CARMICHAEL FOUNDATION APPLICATION

(This form is to be completed by applicant and parents/guardians)

I, We, hereby verify that we have thoroughly read the P.H. Carmichael Foundation Application and have responded to all questions accurately and honestly. I, We, further verify that all requested documentation attached is accurate and represents the most current information available. I, We, further understand that admission granted to applicants on the basis of incorrect information or an omission of fact(s), which if known, would have caused ineligibility of the applicant, is invalid and subject to action by the appropriate local, federal, and state authorities. I, We, understand that the P.H. Carmichael Foundation selects its participants according to the needs of the Foundation. I, We, understand that the P.H. Carmichael operates on a year-round basis. As such, I, We, understand that the applicant may not be selected at the time of application, but may be selected in a succeeding year. I, We, understand that it is expected that the applicant once admitted is required to follow all rules and regulations of the P.H. Carmichael Foundation, turn in all information when requested (especially grades), attend mentoring sessions as required, follow the dress code required, and above all make improvements in academic performance. I, We, understand that the applicant once admitted, if suspended or expelled from school, will be released from the P.H. Carmichael Foundation.

IF THERE IS ONLY ONE RESPONSIBLE PARENT OR GUARDIAN, PLEASE DO NOT ENTER THE NAME TWICE.

Signature of Responsible Parent/Legal Guardian _____ Date _____

Signature of Responsible Parent/Legal Guardian _____ Date _____

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____