RANDALL P. PALMER III

MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATION

Pi Theta Lambda Educational Foundation, Inc.
1149 E. Commerce Street
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Biography of Randall Parham Palmer, III, J.D.

Randall Parham Palmer III was born in Birmingham, Alabama on December 10, 1944 to the late Minnie and Randall Palmer II. It was then that a lifelong journey of exceptional commitment; inexpressible benevolence and outstanding achievement commenced.

Randall began his educational matriculation in the Birmingham public system and upon graduation in 1962 from Munich American High School in Munich, Germany he registered at Drury College in Springfield, MO. After a short stay there he enrolled into his beloved alma mater Langston, University. While at Langston University, he pledged Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated, to which he became a member on his birthday, December 10, 1966.

He went on to earn his Doctor of Jurisprudence from Oklahoma City University and an LLM (Judge Advocate General) from the University of Virginia. He also received a Commission from the US Army Engineer Officer Candidate School. Randall was an Ordnance Advisor for the US Army during the Vietnam War earning the Bronze Star Medal. He was also a member of the US Army Judge Advocates Corp. where he served on the US Foreign Claims Commission in Korea and as an Acting Clerk of Court, US Army Court of Military Review and legal counsel for the US Army as well as an Adjunct Professor of Healthcare Jurisprudence at Baylor University. He retired from the Army as a Major and went on to practice law in the private sector.

As a Life Member, he remained active in the Fraternity holding many positions including 14th Southwestern Regional Vice-President. Randall was a Charter Member of Xi Alpha Lambda Chapter (Eastern Region; Prince William and Southern Fairfax Counties) on May 31, 1981. He also served as Charter President of Xi Alpha Lambda Chapter. He was a Charter Member of Pi Theta Lambda Chapter (Southwestern Region; San Antonio, Texas) on March 11, 1991. He also served as Chapter President. Randall was integral to the establishment of the Pi Theta Lambda Educational Foundation, Inc.

On February 14, 1970, Randall married his life-long love, Cheryl Jean. Their remarkable partnership produced two children- Randall Parham Palmer IV “Randy” and Brandy Elizabeth Palmer.

Randall had a passion for books and reading and was known for being “full of facts,” some fondly called him the Lil Encyclopedia. He was an avid bid whist player and a devoted San Antonio Spurs as well as Dallas Cowboys fan.

A loving father, grandfather, husband and friend, Randall dedicated his life to his greatest joy, serving others. He was an advocate for the betterment of the community through service, education and spirituality. He was a 33rd degree Mason, a life member of the NAACP, Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, Leadership San Antonio, and a Deacon at Mt. Zion First Baptist Church. To know him was to love him.

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It is the honor of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Pi Theta Lambda Chapter (Key # 0641) to create a scholarship in the memory of Bro. Randall P. Palmer III, charter member of Pi Theta Lambda under the management of the Pi Theta Lambda Educational Foundation, Inc. The Pi Theta Lambda Educational Foundation, Inc. partnered with Mrs. Cheryl Palmer and the Palmer family along with other supporters to establish the Randall P. Palmer III Memorial Scholarship Fund. We are dedicated to helping youth in the Bexar County area to attend and achieve academic excellence at institutions of higher learning for a successful career.

The purpose of the Randall P. Palmer III Scholarship Fund is to provide scholarships to deserving high school graduating seniors intending to pursue a course of study at an educational institution of higher learning. The scholarship award is based on financial need, one's display of high scholastic achievement, participation in community/service-based activities and a demonstrated ability toward leadership.

The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, incorporated in the State of Texas; serving the greater Bexar County area. The Foundation was established in 1992 by members of Pi Theta Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., which was founded in 1906, is the Fraternity of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who expressed that *"Education without social action is a one-sided value because it has no true power potential."*

The Foundation supports the cause of educating our youth. The academic thrust behind the Foundation's Scholarship Programs are aligned with the "Go to High School, Go to College" model initiated by the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

CRITERIA AND ELIGIBILITY

- Must be a graduating high school senior (2024 - 2025 school year)
- 3.0 Minimum GPA overall or progression towards un-weighted GPA of 4.00 over the course of four semesters (For the most recent completed cumulative GPA period in 2024 - 2025)
- Must show financial need
- Must demonstrate community involvement

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- Completed written application
- Application must be received on time without exception

- Student must attend a high school in Bexar County.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Completed Application (preferably typed)
- Official high school transcript. All transcripts must be submitted using the grading policy/GPA scale currently used by their school; additionally ACT/SAT scores
- Acceptance letter from college/university (copy must be enclosed with application)
- Two Letters of Recommendation (LOR) from a *high school teacher, counselor, social worker, religious official or school principal.* The LORs must include your potential to be successful in college; and have two contact numbers, e-mail address, and full name.
- Personal Statement must be typed, Times New Roman style, font size 12, double spaced. The statement should address the following:
    - A brief biography about yourself
    - A description of your scholastic and career ambitions
    - A description of your involvement in current extra-curricular and community service activities.
    - Please submit one graduation photo or headshot for inclusion into our Gala presentation and social media platform. This should be inlcuded as a seperate file and on the application itself.

Completed applications must be received by or post marked to the Pi Theta Lambda Educational Foundation, Inc. by **March 28, 2025**. Electronic submissions of complete applications will be considered by email at PTLEFScholarships@gmail.com. Electronic submission must be received not later than 5 PM Central Time on the deadline.

Sincerely,

Michael G. Torres Jr.
Chairman, Scholarship Committee
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Personal Information

Name _____ Birth Date _____

Home Address _____ Home Phone _____

City/State _____ Zip _____ Cell Phone _____

E-Mail _____ School Phone _____

Father's Name _____ Mother's Name _____

Father's Occupation_____ Mother's Occupation_____

List brothers and sisters [*under the age of 18*]:

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Academic Information

School Name _____Graduation Date _____

School Address _____GPA (based on 4.00 Scale)_____

City/State _____ Zip _____ ACT Score _____ SAT Score _____

Class Rank _____ out of _____ students in class [***Copy of Transcript Required***]

Employment Record Yes __ No ___ (if yes, please provide information below)

Employer _____ Date (To/From) _____

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Financial Information

Annual gross income of family: _____ Family size: _____

2025 Federal Poverty Level by family size:

1 - $15,560 **2** - $20,440 **3** - $25,820 **4** - $31,200 **5** - $36,580 **6** - $41,960 **7** –$47,340 **8** - $52,720

For More Info Visit: https://liheapch.acf.hhs.gov/profiles/povertytables/FY2025/popstate.htm

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List Church/Community Service and School Curriculum

_____**Dates:**_____**Office Held:**_____

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List Honors and Awards (last 4 years)

_____**Date Received:**_____

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List College Admission Information

College/University (Accepted) City/ State

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College/University (Pending) City/ State

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Certification

Student Agreement:
I acknowledge that all materials submitted on my behalf are accurate to the best of my knowledge, and understand that any documents found to be untrue will disqualify my application.

Student Signature:_____ Date:_____

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Submission of Application Materials (Deadline to Apply: Friday, March 28, 2025)
Recommendations, personal statement, financial statement, supporting documents, and the completed application form must be submitted by the application deadline.

Applications will be accepted electronically by email to Michael G. Torres Jr., PTLEFScholarships@gmail.com. Submissions must be received not later than 5 PM on the deadline. Incomplete applications **will not** be considered.

All application materials must be mailed to the address listed below and postmarked no later than March 28, 2025.

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For more information, please contact
Michael G. Torres Jr., Scholarship Committee Chairman
Phone: (504) 615-0506 Email: PTLEFScholarships@gmail.com

The Pi Theta Lambda Educational Foundation, Inc. understands that information contained in this application is of a personal nature. However, failure to provide all information as requested may invalidate the application. Information provided will be treated confidentially. Applications will be destroyed after the scholarship selection and award process has been completed.