

UMBC ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

# BARKSDALE & FORD SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State and Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Campus Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Campus Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternative Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Anticipated Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**The following items are to be attached to your application form:**

- a current (unofficial) UMBC transcript
- copies of two college-level essays that represent your best work in English
- a one or two page statement outlining your plans and accomplishments in the study of English, plans for graduate education, and your interest in the African-American experience, especially as it relates to the study of literature
- the name(s) of one or two faculty in English who can comment on the quality of your work

**PLEASE NOTE: Applications and essays will not be returned. Do not submit originals of your work.**

**The Barksdale Scholarship** was established to pay tribute to Richard K. Barksdale, the second African American to receive a Ph.D. in English literature from Harvard University. Recipients of this scholarship will be UMBC English majors who have at least a 3.2 GPA and have demonstrated a commitment to the advancement of minorities in the field of English.

**The Ford Scholarship** was established in memory of Nick Ford and as a tribute to Ola Ford. Professor Ford received his Ph.D. in English from the University of Iowa and served for many years as Chair of the English Department at Morgan State University. This scholarship will be awarded to an outstanding African American English major at UMBC with at least a 3.2 GPA who is planning graduate study in English.

The Barksdale and Ford Scholarships will consist of \$500 per semester in tuition support for one academic year (unless the candidate is already fully supported) as well as institutional recommendation for graduate study. A faculty committee constituted by the Chair of the English Department will make the final selections for both scholarships.

**Deadline: Applications should be submitted to the English Department Chair by December 1.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_