

# Light on the Hill Society Scholarship

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

**To:** College Advising Office/School Counselors  
**From:** Light on the Hill Society Board of Directors  
**Re:** 2019 Light on the Hill Society Scholarship

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The Light on the Hill Society Scholarship effort began during the 2005 UNC Black Alumni Reunion. Organizers challenged alumni to initially contribute \$1,952 each – representing the 1952 class year of Harvey Beech, Carolina’s first African-American graduate – to become founding members of the scholarship fund.

For the more than 13 years, Carolina alumni and friends have annually made tax-deductible gifts to the fund, ranging from a few dollars to several thousand, the largest being a \$350,000 gift from NFL star Julius Peppers '02.

The Light on the Hill Society Scholarship will award ten (10) scholarships to African-American students who will enroll at **UNC Chapel Hill for fall 2019**.

- **Two (2) \$2,000 Julius Peppers scholarships, renewable up to three years**
- **Eight (8) \$2,500 LOTH scholarships, one-time awards**
- **The application deadline is 11:59 p.m. (EST) on Sunday, March 3, 2019.**

By providing scholarships to first-year African-American students, this award serves as a tribute to African-American alumni of the 1950s and 1960s who were instrumental in the desegregation of UNC Chapel Hill.

A selection committee will evaluate applicants based on the following:

- Academic achievement
- Evidence of community service
- Leadership qualities
- Strength of essays

Online Application

- To apply visit [alumni.unc.edu/loth](http://alumni.unc.edu/loth)
- Questions? Email [loth@unc.edu](mailto:loth@unc.edu) or call Tanea Pettis at (919) 843-9694

*The LOTH scholarship is a private award that is administered by the Light on the Hill Society Board of Directors and supported by the UNC General Alumni Association.*

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