

***SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES***

John Lewis “Good and Necessary Trouble” (GANT) Endowed Scholarship  
The University of Alabama at Birmingham

Dr. Paulette Dilworth and the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion along with a University-wide committee have created an endowed scholarship at The University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) to honor the late Representative John Robert Lewis. Spendable earnings from the scholarship will be used to assist deserving first generation students at UAB.

The John Lewis “Good and Necessary Trouble” (“GANT”) Endowed scholarship is a service learning opportunity that integrates research and community-based practice in addressing social change throughout UAB and surrounding areas. Each year, the GANT Scholarship will provide a monetary award to UAB students who demonstrate a continued commitment to academic excellence, leadership, and commitment to community engagement. Additionally, students are paired with a mentor who provides academic support in their personal and academic development. Scholars will also develop their resumes and/or curriculum vitae, write personal and research statements, and obtain letters of recommendations.

**GANT Scholars Program Objectives**

- Mentor students on areas of interest involving community engagement
- Provide scholars with opportunities to engage in the community through internships and applied research within their field of interest
- Expose scholars to theory, research, and practice of social justice within underserved communities
- Connect students in a supportive GANT cohort with access to resources and develop a community of mutual support and collaboration
- Train students to apply for internships and research opportunities
- Empower scholars to pursue graduate/professional school within their academic field and become agents of change in their communities

The following guidelines will be used in administering and making awards from the scholarship:

- a. Applicants must be currently enrolled in or admitted to an undergraduate degree-granting program at UAB.
- b. Applicants should demonstrate solid academic promise and achievement and have earned at least an overall 3.0 grade point average in coursework completed prior to the time of application.

- c. Preference is for a first-generation college student.
- d. Applicants should have the motivation to engage in independent research and express an interest and academic potential in furthering their studies in graduate or professional school.
- e. Applications for consideration should be submitted to the appropriate University office by the announced deadline and submit a 500 word proposal detailing an identified disparity gap in the community and their plan to address.
- f. Selection of scholarship recipients will be made by a scholarship selection committee in accordance with these guidelines. The University will be solely responsible for the final selection of the scholarship recipients.
- g. The scholarship is an annual award and is not renewable.
- h. The annual scholarship award will be applied toward the recipient's tuition and fees. The total award will be applied in equal amounts over the regular terms of the award year unless otherwise instructed by the scholarship selection committee. Any scholarship funds in excess of the amount required for tuition and fees may be disbursed to the student for books, supplies, room and board, or other school-related expenses.
- i. The number and amount of awards to be granted from the Fund shall be left to the discretion of the scholarship selection committee and will be based on the spendable income earned on the endowment fund plus any other available funding.
- j. Recipients of the scholarship are also eligible to receive other forms of student financial aid for which they may qualify.

Agreed to this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

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