



**DR. LAWRENCE HOUSTON ESSAY CONTEST**  
**THE ASSOCIATION OF BLACK PSYCHOLOGISTS**  
*New Jersey Chapter*



The New Jersey Chapter of The Association of Black Psychologists invites **student members** to apply for the Dr. Lawrence Houston Scholarship Fund by writing an essay on the topic below.

**Essay Topic:** *What Have You Done for Your People Lately?* In this essay, please describe ways in which you have used your education and experience to advocate for, assist and or empower Black individuals. How does this relate to the NJABPsi mission and further the ABPsi legacy?

Additionally, include 2-3 activities you have engaged in this past year, in the community, with NJABPsi/ABPsi and in what ways you will contribute to NJABPsi/ABPsi if you are the award recipient

**Essay rules**

1. Place your name, school & department name, year in school, address, & e-mail on a title page. Do not put your name on other pages of your document.
2. Submit the essay to [NJABPSI@gmail.com](mailto:NJABPSI@gmail.com) no later than **Friday, January 26, 2024.**
3. The essay text is limited to no more than three (3) double-spaced, 12-point font, single-sided, numbered pages with one-inch margins, or 750 words.
4. Please only use a **WORD Document, No PDFs**
5. Previous First Place Winners not eligible to apply
6. One essay per student.

**Prizes**

First Place prize is **\$700**, Second Place prize \$300. Winners will be recognized at the NJABPsi Lawrence Houston Scholarship in person Luncheon on Saturday February 17, 2024 11-2pm. Location: 200 Kimball Drive East, Sayreville, NJ 08872

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**2024 Student Eligibility Criteria & Reviewing Protocol**

1. Applicant must be actively affiliated/enrolled in an accredited institution of higher learning in the field of Psychology (School/Clinical/Counseling or a related discipline as determined by the scholarship committee) leading to a Master's or Doctoral level degree.
2. Applicant must be paid NJABPsi Student Member and willing to be an active participant within the larger NJABPsi organization (i.e., student officer, program presenter, engaged in a mentor/mentee relationship with a NJABPsi professional member/Elder, active contributor to the NJABPsi cause of enhancing the emotional well-being of persons-of-color, etc.).
3. All applications for the Lawrence Houston Scholarship Fund (LHSF) will be reviewed by the LHSF Committee. The Committee will be composed of at least three NJABPsi members appointed by the President and approved by the Executive Board.

