



African American Postal League United for Success (A-PLUS)
37th Annual National Convention | April 23-25, 2024
Flamingo Las Vegas| 3555 Las Vegas Blvd S | Las Vegas, NV 89109



THEME: "The A-PLUS Experience, The Power of Performance"

December 6, 2023



Greetings A-PLUS Members, Supporters, Sponsors, Family and Friends:

The A-PLUS National Executive Board cordially invites you to attend our **37th A-PLUS Annual National Convention** beginning Tuesday, April 23 through Thursday, April 25, 2024. Please plan to arrive by Monday, April 22nd to ensure you take advantage of all this convention has to offer. Being held at the Flamingo Hotel & Casino, 3555 Las Vegas Blvd S, Las Vegas, NV 89109-8901, this year's convention theme is: **"The A-PLUS Experience...The Power of Performance."** The Western Region President/Convention Chair, Awanda Hampton-Gaines and Western Region Director/Convention Co-Chair, Pamela Brooks and the committee members are diligently preparing for your arrival to the vibrant city of Las Vegas, which is filled with a variety of attractions and something for everyone.

The A-PLUS National Convention is our annual signature event. It provides the opportunity for our current and prospective members, along with A-PLUS Officers from our five regions around the United States, to gather in one location to network, share experiences and expertise, be recognized for achievements, and participate in the official proceedings of the A-PLUS organization. The convention also provides opportunities to discover new ideas and practices in Mail Processing, Delivery/Retail, other Postal Operations and Functions, be exposed to unique career fields and business trends from subject matter experts. The A-PLUS National Convention offers the chance to interact with speakers, sponsors and vendors that you, our members, might not otherwise encounter.

We are so excited to have the support and presence of Postal Officers and Executives and high-level managers from all over the nation whose insight and expertise can help enhance your career development.

We look forward to each of you attending the National Convention and bringing your energy, excitement, and enthusiasm. You are truly our greatest asset and we could not accomplish what we do without your support and participation.

At the A-PLUS 37th Annual National Convention in Las Vegas, we are planning exciting new features for you and encourage you to attend and invite a friend to share in the available mentoring, networking, and training with a special Western Twist.

Putting your best self out there will always pay off in a big way, and this is worth the investment in yourself. I am really looking forward to meeting you and hope you enjoy the convention!

Do not miss "The A-PLUS Experience...The Power of Performance"! See you in Las Vegas!

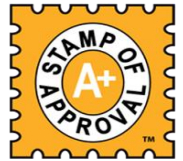
Sincerely,

Wanda R. LaBarre

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A-PLUS National President



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Howdy Partners!

As we gear up for the 37th Annual A-PLUS National Convention – a spectacular journey into the heart of the Wild West! Saddle up and join us for an unforgettable experience at this year's convention, where the spirit of the frontier meets the warmth of camaraderie. The gates to this grand rodeo swing open from April 23 – 25, 2024, secure your hotel room, submit your Annual Leave request, and join us at the Flamingo Hotel, 3555 Las Vegas Blvd, S, Las Vegas NV. It's gonna be a rootin' tootin' good time!

We reckon your presence and active involvement are as vital as a horse to a cowboy. A-PLUS is fixin' to lend a helping hand on your journey to wranglin' those career dreams and networking with friends, new and old. Get ready to kick up your boots and enjoy a Western-style shindig.

You do not want to miss the opportunity to attend informative workshops, discuss your career path with Postal Managers, Executives and Officers, and present your potential in the "Spotlight on You" session. We encourage you to round up your pals and mosey on down for a fantastic chance to experience this unique opportunity. Don't forget to don your finest cowboy hat! We're fixin' to have us a showdown for the finest headwear at the convention. So, grab your trusty Stetson and prepare for a hat competition for both the cowgirls and cowboys.

Stick around for a spell and bask in the wild west charm from yer ol' pals from the Western Region

To provide event details, the Registration Packet includes the following pages for your review:

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Convention Chair: Awanda Hampton-Gaines, (323) 333-2219 / againes3@cox.net and
Co-Chair: Pamela Brooks, (510) 685- 1464 / brooks6@pacbell.net

Warmest regards,

Awanda Hampton-Gaines
Awanda Hampton-Gaines

Western Region President
Convention Chairperson

Pamela Brooks
Pamela Brooks

Western Region Director
Convention Co-Chairperson



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HOST HOTEL – Flamingo Las Vegas

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LOCATION - Located at the heart of the famous Las Vegas Strip, the Flamingo Hotel & Casino stands tall, embodying the vibrant energy and glamour of the city. Nestled at 3555 Las Vegas Blvd S, this iconic venue promises an unforgettable experience against the dazzling backdrop of the city lights.



Scan the QR Code to book a room :

Reservation Center can be called at 1 (800) 223-7277 (Group code SFAPL4)
A processing fee will be added per reservation. The room rate is \$79 per night (Single or double occupancy) plus daily resort fee of \$25 per room, per night. [Book.passkey.com/go/SFAPL4NV](https://book.passkey.com/go/SFAPL4NV), if you RSVP online there is no fee. **Group's rate Cut-off Date is Sunday, March 31, 2024.**

Questions: Call Awanda Hampton-Gaines, (323) 333-2219 or Pamela Brooks, (510) 685- 1464



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CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

| | | | |
|---|-----------------|----------------|----------|
| Last Name: | First Name: | MI: | |
| Address: | City: | State: | Zip + 4: |
| Cell Phone: | Work Phone: | A-PLUS Region: | |
| Personal Email: | A-PLUS Chapter: | | |
| Participating in Spotlight on You? Yes () No () Are you a First Timer? Yes () No () Are you a Retiree? Yes () No () | | | |
| Would you like to receive text alerts during the Conference? Yes () **If Yes include your Cell #above** No () | | | |
| Emergency Contact Name: | | Number: | |
| Dietary/Special Needs? Yes () ** If Yes please complete Page 5 with details** No () | | | |

FULL REGISTRATION INCLUDES: WORKSHOPS, GENERAL SESSIONS, SPOTLIGHT ON YOU, LUNCHEON, BANQUET

| COMPLETE PACKAGE | MEMBERS | NON-MEMBERS | RETIRES |
|---|----------|-------------|----------|
| Early Registration through February 12, 2024 | \$225.00 | \$300.00 | \$225.00 |
| Regular Registration: March 12, 2024 | \$250.00 | \$325.00 | \$225.00 |
| Late Registration: April 22, 2024 | \$300.00 | \$375.00 | \$300.00 |
| On-Site Registration: April 23, 2024 cash/credit card ONLY | \$350.00 | \$425.00 | \$350.00 |

| EXTRA TICKETS | PRICES | # TICKETS | AMOUNT PAID |
|---|---------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Workshops (Spotlight on You NOT included) | \$85.00 | | |
| Spotlight on You Only - Wednesday | \$85.00 | | |
| Luncheon Only - Wednesday | \$100.00 | | |
| Banquet Only - Thursday (Black Tie/Formal attire) | \$150.00 | | |
| Special Retirees Outing | \$50.00 (free with full registration) | | |
| FULL REGISTRATION (include here) | | | |
| TOTAL AMOUNT SUBMITTED (Registration and extra tickets) | | GRAND TOTAL | |

REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT

On-line Registration is available through April 11th via <http://www.aplus.cc> (Eventbrite terms apply).

ACCEPTED PAYMENT METHODS: Cash, Credit Card, Money Order, Check (NSF Fee \$50)

NO PERSONAL CHECKS accepted after March 1, 2024. WRITTEN CANCELLATION is required by March 12, 2024.

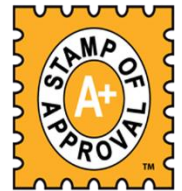
Make checks/money orders payable to **A-PLUS NATIONAL CONVENTION**. Mail completed form(s) & payment to:

African American Postal League United for Success
CONVENTION REGISTRATION
P.O. BOX 400636
Las Vegas NV 89140-0636

Questions: Call Awanda Hampton-Gaines, (323) 333-2219 or Pamela Brooks, (510) 685- 1464



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DIETARY/SPECIAL NEEDS INFORMATION FORM

Submit this request by March 22, 2024

Last Name:

First Name:

MI:

Personal Email:

Cell Phone:

I will need the following accommodation(s) to participate:

| | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Sign Language (ASL) Interpreter | <input type="checkbox"/> Captioning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assistive Listening Device | <input type="checkbox"/> Large Print |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flash Drive Containing Printed Materials | <input type="checkbox"/> Note Taker |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Orientation to Facility | <input type="checkbox"/> Braille |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reserved Seating | <input type="checkbox"/> Wheelchair Access |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dietary Restrictions (Explain:) | |

An assistant will be accompanying me: Yes_____ No_____

A service animal will be accompanying me: Yes_____ No_____

Please return this form with all other registration documents.

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SPOTLIGHT ON YOU REGISTRATION FORM



Sign up for "Spotlight on You"! This is your opportunity to share, with a distinguished panel of Postal Service Leaders, your career goals and aspirations. While you are in the Spotlight, inform them what you have accomplished, what your strengths are, and where you want to go in the organization.

You will have "three minutes" to shine bright in the Spotlight and your three-minute speech should include answers to the questions below:

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1. What are your strengths? | 4. Where do you want to go in the Postal Service? |
| 2. What do you bring to the position/job? | 5. What are your short and long-term goals? |
| 3. What have you accomplished? | |

Please bring at least five copies of your eCareer Profile.

To participate in the "Spotlight on You" session, **PRE-REGISTRATION** is required.

Complete details below & return with your convention registration.

Spotlight submissions will be accepted through April 1, 2024, so Coordinators can plan accordingly.

| | | | | | |
|-------------|--|-------------|--|-------------------|---------|
| Last Name: | | First Name: | | MI: | |
| Address: | | City: | | ST: | Zip +4: |
| Home Phone: | | Cell Phone: | | Home Email: | |
| Job Title: | | Level: | | Years of Service: | |
| Chapter: | | Region: | | | |

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Make checks/money orders payable to A-PLUS NATIONAL CONVENTION. Mail completed form(s) & payment to:

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SPOTLIGHT ON YOU
P.O. BOX 400636
Las Vegas NV 89140-0636

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2024 NATIONAL CONVENTION SCHEDULE (subject to change)

Monday, APRIL 22, 2024

9:00AM - 5:00PM Executive Board Meeting
3:00PM - 7:00PM Early Registration

Tuesday, APRIL 23, 2024

7:30AM - 8:30AM Continental Breakfast
8:00AM - 5:00PM Registration
8:30AM - 9:45AM Opening Session
9:45AM - 10:00AM **BREAK/CHECK OUT THE VENDORS**
10:00AM - 1:00PM Retirees' Outing
10:00AM - 10:45AM Workshops (3)
10:45AM - 11:00AM **BREAK/CHECK OUT THE VENDORS**
11:00AM - 11:45AM Workshops (3)
11:45AM - 12:00PM Vendors Speak
12:00PM - 1:30PM Lunch on Your Own
1:30PM - 1:45PM **BREAK/CHECK OUT THE VENDORS**
1:45PM - 3:00PM POSTMASTER GENERAL
3:00PM - 3:15PM **BREAK/CHECK OUT THE VENDORS**
3:15PM - 4:00PM Workshops (3)
4:00PM - 4:15PM **BREAK**
4:15PM until adjourned Business Meeting – Paid Members Only
7:00PM - 9:00PM Meet and Greet

Wednesday, APRIL 24, 2024

8:00AM - 5:00PM Registration
7:30AM - 8:15AM First Timers Orientation
8:30AM - 8:45AM RECAP and Today's Schedule
8:45AM - 10:00AM Officer's Panel
10:00AM - 10:15AM **BREAK/CHECK OUT THE VENDORS**
10:15AM - 11:45AM Executive Round Table
10:15AM - 11:45AM RETIREE Session
12:00PM - 2:00PM Awards Luncheon
2:00PM - 2:15PM **BREAK/CHECK OUT THE VENDORS**
2:15PM - 3:15PM Workshops (3)
3:15PM - 3:30PM **BREAK/CHECK OUT THE VENDORS**
3:30PM - 5:30PM “Spotlight on You” (2) & Workshops (1)
5:30PM - 6:00PM Free Time – Check out the Vendors
7:00PM - 11:00PM Region Stations/ Networking Session

Thursday, APRIL 25, 2024

8:30AM - 12:00PM Registration
8:30AM - 9:00AM RECAP and Today's schedule
9:00AM - 10:30AM GREG GRAY
10:30AM - 10:45AM **BREAK/CHECK OUT THE VENDORS**
10:45AM - 11:45AM Workshops (3)
11:45AM - 12:00PM **BREAK/CHECK OUT THE VENDORS**
12:00PM - 1:00PM A-PLUS Officers Training (3)
1:00PM - Until adjourned Business Meeting ~ If needed
1:00PM - 6:00PM Free Time ~ **Check out Vendors**
6:30PM - 7:00PM Reception
7:00PM - 11:00PM Banquet

CONVENTION REGISTRATION

Monday, April 22,2024

3:00PM - 7:00PM

Tuesday, April 23,2024

8:00AM - 5:00PM

Wednesday, April 24,2024

8:00AM - 5:00PM

Thursday, April 25,2024

8:30AM - 12:00PM

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Monday April 22,2024

9:00AM – 5:00PM

“SPOTLIGHT on YOU”

Wednesday, April 24,2024

(Please bring 5 copies of your HERO/eCareer Profiles.)

A-PLUS BUSINESS MEETINGS

(Paid Members Only)

Attendance is Mandatory for National, Regional Officers, Chapter Presidents, and Delegates

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

4:15pm until adjourned

Thursday, April 25, 2024 – If needed

1:00pm – until adjourned

SUPPORT THE VENDORS

Please support the Vendors. You may visit them at scheduled times and on your free times.

CONVENTION INQUIRIES

Chair: Awanda Hampton-Gaines
Co-Chair: Pamela Brooks

Friday, APRIL 26, 2024

Hotel check out today



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SOUVENIR WINDBREAKER ORDER FORM

Submit your order by the Cut-off date of February 28, 2024 (after this date windbreakers may not be available). PLEASE PRINT:

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ MI: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip + 4: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ A-PLUS Region: _____

Non-Postal Email: _____ A-PLUS Chapter: _____

FEMALE Sizes: S - M - L - XL - 2X - 3X - 4X - 5X

| ITEM | PRICE | QUANTITY | TOTAL |
|--------------------|---------|----------|-------|
| Small | \$45.00 | | |
| Medium | \$45.00 | | |
| Large | \$45.00 | | |
| XL | \$45.00 | | |
| 2X | \$45.00 | | |
| 3X 4X 5X | \$45.00 | | |
| Please Circle size | | TOTAL | |

MALE Sizes: S - M - L - XL - 2X - 3X - 4X - 5X

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|--------|---------|----------|-------|
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| Medium | \$45.00 | | |
| Large | \$45.00 | | |
| XL | \$45.00 | | |
| 2X | \$45.00 | | |
| 3X | \$45.00 | | |
| 4X | \$45.00 | | |
| 5X | \$45.00 | | |
| TALL | \$45.00 | | |
| | | TOTAL | |

ORDER AND PAYMENT

Mail this form back with your registration to the address provided. To ensure you have a windbreaker, mail back ASAP before the cut-off date above. **YOU WILL RECEIVE YOUR WINDBREAKER AT THE CONVENTION.**

ACCEPTED PAYMENT METHODS: Cash, Credit Card, Money Order, Check (NSF Fee \$50)

NO PERSONAL CHECKS accepted after the Cut-Off date.

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SOUVENIR WINDBREAKER ORDER FORM

P.O. BOX 400636

Las Vegas NV 89140-0636

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SOUVENIR PROGRAM BOOKLET AD FORM

Submit your order by the Cut-off date of March 12, 2024.

Last Name:

First Name:

MI:

Chapter/Organization:

Email:

Address:

City:

ST:

Zip +4:

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

Work Phone:

| AD TYPE | | AD PRICES | | AD TYPE | | AD PRICES | |
|---|--|-------------------------------------|--|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|--|
| BACK PAGE | | \$300.00 - <input type="checkbox"/> | | BACK INSIDE | | \$250.00 - <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| FRONT INSIDE | | \$250.00 - <input type="checkbox"/> | | FULL PAGE | | \$100.00 - <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| HALF PAGE | | \$ 50.00 - <input type="checkbox"/> | | QUARTER PAGE | | \$ 25.00 - <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ | | | |
| I NEED AN AD CREATED AND WILL SEND \$25 SEPARATELY TO ABDUL RAZZAAQ. <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | | | | |

REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT

AD SPECIFICATIONS:

Please proofread your contents for accuracy; A-PLUS does not guarantee your Ad spelling and content. Photographs and graphics must be jpeg format and 300 DPI or higher. All scanned cards must be done at the highest setting, or you won't be able to read it. The acceptable format is all ads should be created in a WORD or PDF document. For questions regarding the format of ads contact Desai Abdul-Razzaaq. Electronic files will not be returned. All chapters are encouraged to purchase a full-page ad.

WHERE TO SEND THE AD:

E-mail your camera-ready ad to razzaaq@att.net by March 12, 2024. Camera ready means no additional work is required. If you want an ad created, notify razzaaq@att.net. There is an additional fee of \$25 (via CashApp to \$darazzpro OR Venmo to @desai-abdul-razzaaq).

WHERE TO SEND THE PAYMENT:

Please send Ad payment, a copy of the Ad, AND the Souvenir Program Booklet Ad form to the address below by March 12, 2024. ACCEPTED PAYMENT METHODS: Cash, Credit Card, Money Order, Check (NSF Fee \$50)
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VENDOR REGISTRATION FORM

Submit your order by the Cut-off date of March 12, 2024.

Company Name:

Last Name:

First Name:

MI:

Address:

City:

ST:

Zip +4:

Work Phone:

Cell Phone:

Email:

Items to be sold:

Booth Set-up time 6AM Daily. Booth(s) can be manned Tues, April 23 - Wed, April 24 8AM-6PM; Thurs, April 25 8AM-4PM. Place an "X" on the appropriate line to indicate selection:

- | | | | |
|--------------------------|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 3-Day Package \$300.00 (Tues, Wed, & Thurs) | <input type="checkbox"/> | I will need access to an outlet for electricity. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 2-Day Package \$250.00 Select 2: (Tues, Wed, Thurs) | (Note: Outlets are limited; reserve space early) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 1-Day Package \$150.00 Select 1: (Tues or Wed or Thurs) | | |

REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT

Space is limited, so reserve early. ACCEPTED PAYMENTS: Cash, Credit Card, Money Order, Check (NSF Fee \$50). Completed vendor registration form & fees are due by March 12, 2024. Fees cover one skirted table. NO PERSONAL CHECKS accepted after March 1, 2024. Cancellations must be received in writing, no later than March 19, 2024. NOTE: "No refunds" if cancellation is received after March 19, 2024.

VENDOR'S AD - Vendors may purchase an ad(s) for our souvenir book, (see Page 9 of this packet). The cost is \$100.00-full page, \$50.00-half page, and \$25.00-quarter page. Vendor Ads receive great publicity distributed to hundreds of attendees/participants representing several states!

"NO HOLD HARMLESS CLAUSE"

The vendor assumes the entire responsibility for any losses, damages, and claims due to the vendor activities on the Hotel premises and will indemnify, defend, and hold harmless A-PLUS and the Hotel, its agents, servants, and employees from all such losses and claims. We do not guarantee how much money you make or how many will buy. The hotel or A-PLUS will not be responsible or liable for any loss, damage or claims arising from our vendor activity on the Hotel premises except for any claim, loss or damage arising directly from negligence. Storage space is not available for display materials and for show merchandise. I agree to the terms and conditions as outlined in this contract.

Signature:

Title:

Authorized Representative:

Date:

Sign form(s) and make check/money order payable to A-PLUS NATIONAL CONVENTION. Mail form(s) and

payment to: African American Postal League United for Success

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THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

FIRST TIMERS: Are you attending a convention for the first time? Please check "YES" on the registration form.

PLEASE REGISTER EARLY! You can pick up your paid registration items at the convention.

Pre-registrations are those paid in full and in advance.

On-site registrations are those who register late and pay full price aware all materials may not be available (ex. Windbreakers).

REMINDERS:

| | | |
|---|---|-----------------|
| March 31 | Hotel reservations made by: | Page 3 |
| February 28 | Souvenir Windbreaker Orders due by: | Page 8 |
| March 1 | No personal checks after: | Page 4-6-8-9-10 |
| March 12 | Ads for Souvenir Program Booklet due by: | Page 9 |
| March 12 | Scholarship application is due by: | Page 11-12 |
| March 22 | Dietary/Special Needs Form with Registration by: | Page 5 |
| March 12 | Written Convention Cancellation w/documentation is due by: | Page 4 |
| March 12 | Vendor registration is due by: | Page 10 |
| March 19 | Written Vendor Cancellation is due by: | Page 10 |
| April 1 | Spotlight on You registration due by: | Page 6 |
| April 11 | Online registration at www.aplus.cc ends: | Page 4 |
| 2024 A-PLUS Official Membership Application* | | Page 14 |
| *FYI: Membership should be recorded by 1/31/24 for Officer/Nomination status & by 2/12/24 for Delegate count. * | | |

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CONVENTION CANCELLATION: WRITTEN CANCELLATION with documentation by the registrant is required by March 12, 2024. After that date, no refunds will be allowed for convention registration and/or any additional events associated with the convention. If a refund is allowed, the refund will be less any applicable administrative/service charges.

FULL REGISTRATION PACKAGE: What is included in a full registration package?

The full registration package includes workshops, general sessions, meet & greet, retirees outing, luncheon, Spotlight on You, and banquet.

EXTRA TICKETS

EXTRA TICKET PRICE

| | |
|--|--|
| Workshops only (Spotlight on You NOT included) | \$85 |
| Spotlight on You Only - Wednesday | \$85 |
| Luncheon only - Wednesday | \$100 |
| Banquet – Thursday (Black Tie/Formal attire) | \$150 |
| Venues for Retirees and/or spouse only | \$50 (No cost if full registration is purchased) |

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Dorothy "Dot" Sharpe Memorial Scholarship, pages 12 and 13

A-PLUS 2024 Membership Application, page 14

*FYI: To maintain Officer status, 2024 membership should be recorded by 1/31/24 and by 2/12/24 for valid Delegate eligibility. *

Questions: Call Awanda Hampton-Gaines, (323) 333-2219 or Pamela Brooks, (510) 685- 1464



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2024 DOROTHY 'DOT' SHARPE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP A-PLUS OFFICIAL FORM & INSTRUCTIONS



Dorothy D. Sharpe
(1938-1996)

Dot Sharpe's career with the US Postal Service began in 1964, and what a stellar career it turned out to be! Beginning as secretary, she served in five (5) functional areas in the Memphis Regional Office. She was promoted to EEO Investigator in 1978, and from there advanced to Southern Region Women's Program Manager, National Women's Program Manager, then, General Manager of the Affirmative Action Division, at US Postal Service Headquarters, Washington, DC.

In 1987, Dorothy D. Sharpe was the General Manager, Affirmative Action Division, Headquarters. She was previously a Diversity Development Specialist and Civil & Equal Rights Activist. She started the famous Career Awareness Conferences to assist those who wanted to move up.

She was well known throughout the agency and without her efforts in promoting the principles of equal employment opportunity and affirmative action. During her career, she successfully

implemented, administered, and monitored nationwide Postal Policies and actions to ensure compliance with EEO, Affirmative Action, and Diversity Development. In 1995, she assisted in developing the Postal Service's presentation material for the United Nations Forum on Women in Beijing China. For her outstanding efforts she received numerous Honors and Awards, including the prestigious Postmaster General Award for Executive Achievement. She was a founding member of A-PLUS (African American Postal League United for Success), a lifetime member of Federally Employed Women, and founding member of NETWORK, a mentoring organization for those seeking upward mobility.

What is known is the outpouring of appreciation attributed to her love, dedication, and commitment to assist others whenever or wherever needed. Dot was not contained by pay levels. She worked with all regardless of your pay level.

THE 2024 CRITERIA FOR THE DOROTHY 'DOT' SHARPE SCHOLARSHIP ARE OUTLINED BELOW.

DEADLINE - The scholarship deadline is March 12, 2024, and must be postmarked no later than March 12, 2024.

- ☑ The applicant must be or is a graduating High School senior who has been accepted to an accredited College, University or Trade School.
- ☑ Is a full time (12 credit hours or more) student presently enrolled in an accredited College, University, or Trade School.
- ☑ All A-PLUS members in good standing are eligible to apply for the scholarship if all criteria are met.
- ☑ Has an accumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 (B) on a scale of 4.0 GPA.
- ☑ Must provide an official grade transcript.
- ☑ Must compose an original two (2) page type written (1000 word maximum) essay identifying their career goals & objectives.
- ☑ Include in written essay examples of community involvement.
- ☑ Provide two letters of reference, one from a current professor and/or teacher and one from a non-relative.
- ☑ Include a professional business photograph or school ID photograph (passport or wallet size) with application.
- ☑ Must use the official application form provided by A-PLUS for 2024.
- ☑ Must be sponsored by an A-PLUS paid member in good standing for 2024.
- ☑ Applicant must be a family member of an A-PLUS member in good standing.
- ☑ All requested information must be provided to the A-PLUS sponsor who will verify applicant is an A-PLUS family member.
- ☑ The A-PLUS sponsor will submit all required documents to the address listed for the scholarship.
- ☑ All information must be provided to qualify for scholarship consideration.



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The original PDF is the only official form acceptable.



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ADDRESS:

CITY:

STATE:

ZIP+4:

E-MAIL:

PHONE:

A-PLUS SPONSOR NAME:

(Applicant must be a family member of an A-PLUS member who is in good standing in the current year.)

A-PLUS SPONSOR CHAPTER AFFILIATION:

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY/TRADE SCHOOL:

ADDRESS:

CITY:

STATE:

ZIP+4:

YEAR AT SCHOOL: (Please circle one)

First

Second

Third

Fourth

CHECK ITEMS ENCLOSED:

Essay: ☐

Photograph: ☐

2 Letters of Reference: ☐

Application: ☐

SIGNATURE OF SPONSOR:

CHAPTER & REGION

A-PLUS REQUIREMENTS:

Not using the official PDF form will disqualify any applicant. All applications must be printed legibly or typed.
Failure to follow instructions would disqualify the applicant.

Enclose all requested items in one envelope and mail to:

A-PLUS Scholarship Committee
Attention: Dr. Rakeya A. Matthews
10089 Chalet Springs Drive
Lakeland, TN 38002-8427

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ACTIVE MEMBER: An Active member is a career or retired PCES or EAS Postal Service Employee, who meets all financial requirements for the current year, the fee is \$100.00

ASSOCIATE MEMBER: An Associate member is a member who is a non-PCES/EAS Employee and/or Non-Postal individual who is interested in supporting the goals of this Organization, the fee is \$50.00

INITIATION FEE: A one-time initiation fee is assessed to each new member, both Active and Associate, and must be paid prior to becoming a member in good standing with the Organization, the fee is \$25.00

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Provide our Sponsors my contact information? (Check one) Yes ___ No ___ Failure to check is an automatic yes!

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Are you a Retired Postal Employee? Yes ___ No ___

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