



Information for the
ALICE FAYEMI OLAIYA FOUNDATION AWARD
Established 2006

The Alice Fayemi Olaiya Foundation Award is available through the University of Central Missouri Foundation for a student pursuing a degree in Industrial Hygiene. This scholarship is made possible by way of a gift from Charles Olaiya, '93, of Richland, Washington.

SCHOLARSHIP BACKGROUND:

Poverty accompanied by a sense of hopelessness is increasing among young blacks from Africa to inner-city America. Many among the black youth in these settings have the intellectual capability to succeed but lack the desperately needed encouragement, financial support, and guidance by role models that have risen from these environments and have become successful.

Public health in these environments continues to deteriorate the condition. Hopelessness, poverty, and deteriorating health conditions have become a crisis in New Orleans, post Katrina and throughout Africa with the rapid spread of AIDS and other diseases. According to the Global Policy Forum: *Most African nations suffer from military dictatorships, corruption, civil unrest and war, underdevelopment and deep poverty. The majority of the countries classified by the UN as least developed are in Africa. Numerous development strategies have failed to yield the expected results. Although some believe that the continent is doomed to perpetual poverty and economic slavery, Africa has immense potential.*

Dr. Charles Olaiya, ScD (Tulane, 2006), originator of this award, was raised in Nigeria. Although Charles was left fatherless at the age of six, his mother Alice F. Olaiya and siblings provided the encouragement and funds for Charles to come to the United States. Charles became self supporting and received degrees from the University of Texas at San-Antonio, Texas (BA, 1990), Central Missouri State University (MS, 1993), and Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine (ScD, 2006). His final degree at Tulane School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine was supported by the United States Department of Energy where he works as a scientist. Without the support and encouragement of numerous family members, mentors, and sponsors Charles would not have achieved his educational dreams.

The purpose of the Olaiya Foundation Award is to provide deserving young black people in these and similar circumstances with the opportunity to become successful. In particular, the express purpose of this award is to encourage deserving black students to enter a career in industrial hygiene and public health with the expectation that these young people will return to their origins to aid in alleviating the poverty and health issues that are overwhelming Africa and the inner-cities of the United States.

CRITERIA:

To apply, a student must:

- a. be an incoming graduate student at UCM (however, if no graduate students apply or are deemed ineligible, undergraduate students may be considered);
- b. be pursuing a degree in Industrial Hygiene at UCM;
- c. have a minimum overall cumulative GPA of 2.5;
- d. be an international student from Nigeria or be from a U.S. inner city, preferably New Orleans, LA (second preference shall be given to students from Western Africa or other U.S inner cities, third preference shall be given to all other students pursuing a degree in industrial hygiene who meet the listed criteria);
- e. express an interest in returning to an inner city or African homeland to work and encourage others to seek higher education;
- f. demonstrate financial need.

SELECTION PROCESS:

1. The recipient(s) of the Alice Fayemi Olaiya Foundation Award will be recommended by a selection committee designated by the Chair, Department of Safety Sciences. Undergraduate recipient(s) shall be approved by the UCM Scholarships and Awards Officer. Graduate recipient(s) shall be approved by the Dean of the Graduate School.
2. The application must be delivered or postmarked by **March 1**. Recipient(s) shall be announced by May 15 of any given year.
3. The Selection Committee, with the approval of the donor and the Executive Director of the Foundation, will annually establish the number and award amount. If adequate funding is not available, the Selection Committee may exercise the option of making no selection.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

Applications must be delivered / postmarked by **March 1** to:

Department of Safety Sciences
Attn: Alice Fayemi Olaiya Foundation Award
University of Central Missouri
Humphreys 325
Warrensburg, MO 64093



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- 1. Name UCM student ID#
2. Permanent address street city state zip code county
3. High school attended name of school city state county
4. Phone Number Campus phone
5. Local or campus address
6. E-mail address
7. Major Minor
8. Cumulative GPA GPA in major
9. Estimated date of graduation month year
10. Attach a list of campus and community organizations to which you belong. List leadership roles when applicable.
11. Attach a brief statement of your professional goals as they relate to this scholarship. Be sure to include your plans and aspirations for the future (i.e. returning to an inner city or African homeland to work and encourage others to seek higher education).
12. Attach a current transcript. An unofficial transcript may be printed (free of charge) from the student portal at https://www.ucmo.edu/portal.

REFERENCES: Do not list family members.

- 1. Name Relationship Phone Number E-mail
2. Name Relationship Phone Number E-mail

PERSONAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT – indicate your estimated budget for the **next school year**.

<u>COSTS</u>	<u>RESOURCES</u>
Tuition and required fees _____	Personal savings _____
Books, instructional material _____	Earnings during vacation _____
Room and board _____	Part-time earnings during academic year _____
Clothing _____	Aid from parents/guardians _____
Commuting expenses _____	Other scholarships _____
Personal and recreational _____	Other resources _____
Sorority/Fraternity dues _____	
TOTAL _____	TOTAL _____

UNDERSTANDING OF ACCEPTANCE:

If I am selected as a recipient of this scholarship, I understand that I must meet the criteria as outlined in this application at the beginning of the semester in which the scholarship is to be applied to my student account. If my status should change before/during the academic year, I understand that I must notify the Department to which this application has been submitted. I further understand that a change in my status may affect my eligibility and the application of the scholarship to my student account.

 Signature Date

10/08

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