



Scholarship Funds

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Alice Watkins Scholarship

PURPOSE:

Alice Watkins Senter's family established this scholarship in her name to honor her. She was gifted in poetry and music, but her life was shortened by a tragic and incurable illness. The Senter family wanted to celebrate her most productive and happy times by awarding a Wade Hampton High School student, with a love of English, Literature, and Poetry, an opportunity to pursue a degree in higher education.

The only member of her family to attend college, she blossomed as a student at Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, IL. Her poetry was published in the school journal, and she wrote the lyrics to the senior class song. She became a pastor's wife, and in 1949, the family moved to Greenville where three of her four children graduated from Wade Hampton High School. She is buried at Woodlawn Cemetery, and this scholarship is offered in her memory.

CRITERIA:

- Applicant must be a graduating senior at Wade Hampton High School.
- Applicant must declare an intended major in the areas of English, Literature, or Poetry at an accredited higher education institution located in South Carolina.
- Applicant must be accepted to an institution of higher learning prior to applying.
- Applicant must have a minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 (un-weighted) scale in high school.

GUIDELINES:

- Applicant will be considered regardless of race, sex, religion, or national origin.
- One scholarship award will be made annually.
- Students who demonstrate a desire to pursue studies in poetry will be given preference.
- Prior scholarship award recipients may not apply for subsequent awards.
- A Scholarship Advisory Committee will be responsible for reviewing scholarship applications on an objective and non-discriminatory basis and for making award recommendations.
- The Community Foundation of Greenville's Board of Directors, in accordance with the Foundation's current bylaws, approves advisory committee members annually.
- To ensure that a fair, equitable, objective, and non-discriminatory selection process is used, all applicants are required to adhere to the same guidelines and to submit the required application form and attachments.

AWARD AMOUNT: \$10,000

- Scholarship funds will be paid in two installments (\$5,000 per semester) to the approved educational institution in the name of the recipient and applied only to the costs of tuition, room and board, or required fees.
- Scholarship recipient must maintain a 3.0 GPA. If scholarship eligibility is lost during the first semester, the second installment of \$5,000 will not be issued.
- Scholarship funds are awarded for one academic year and are not subject to renewal.

DEADLINE:

- Applications must be submitted online by published due date.
- Scholarship awards will be announced in April or May of each year.

Supplemental materials required:

- High school transcript
- One letter of recommendation
- **Two** original writing samples required:
 - ✓ One must be a poetry sample (may be written in any form with no length requirement)
 - ✓ The second writing sample may include a short story, narrative, fiction, non-fiction, or poetry (not to exceed 1000 words).

Greenville County Fire Chiefs' Association Scholarship

PURPOSE:

In 1995, the Greenville County Fire Chiefs' Association established a scholarship fund to promote higher education for firefighters and/or families of firefighters.

CRITERIA:

- Applicant must be either active fire service personnel (full-time or volunteer) or the immediate children of fire service personnel interested in higher education in a fire science, allied health, or teaching career.
- Applicant must be a member in good standing or the immediate child of a member in good standing of a Greenville County Fire Chiefs' Association affiliated department.
- Applicant must be accepted to an institution of higher learning prior to applying.
- Program provider must be a recognized non-profit training organization that offers a curriculum in fire service (i.e., Fire Administration, Fire Engineering), allied health, or teaching.
- Applicant must have a minimum 2.5 GPA.

GUIDELINES:

- Applicant will be considered regardless of race, sex, religion, or national origin.
- A Scholarship Advisory Committee will be responsible for reviewing scholarship applications on an objective and non-discriminatory basis and for making award recommendations.
- Applications will be judged based upon completeness, community involvement, citizenship, academic achievement, leadership, and financial need.
- The Community Foundation of Greenville's Board of Directors, in accordance with the Foundation's current bylaws, approves advisory committee members annually.
- To ensure that a fair, equitable, objective, and non-discriminatory selection process is used, all applicants are required to adhere to the same guidelines and to submit the required application form and attachments.

AWARD AMOUNT:

- Award amount and number of awards are determined annually based on the *Community Foundation of Greenville's Spending Policy for Endowment Funds*.
- Scholarship funds are paid to an approved educational institution in the name of the recipient.
- Scholarship funds are awarded for one academic year and are not subject to automatic renewal.

DEADLINE:

- Application must be submitted online by published due date.
- Scholarship recipients will be notified in July.

Supplemental materials required:

- One letter of recommendation
- Official transcript
- SAT/ACT scores

Greenville County Library Staff Education Fund in Memory of Anthony Messineo

PURPOSE:

The purpose the Greenville County Library Staff Education Fund in Memory of Anthony Messineo ("Fund") is to provide financial assistance to Greenville County Library System ("Library") staff members who are seeking educational advancement through specialized course work leading to a Bachelor's degree in an appropriate job-related field and/or a Master's degree in Library and Information Science.

CRITERIA:

- Applicant must be a current full-time staff member of the Greenville County Library System.
- Applicant must have at least twelve months of uninterrupted service immediately prior to submitting an application.

GUIDELINES:

- Applicants will be considered regardless of race, sex, religion, or national origin.
- A Scholarship Advisory Committee will be responsible for reviewing scholarship applications on an objective and non-discriminatory basis and for making award recommendations.
- Applications will be judged based upon completeness, community involvement, citizenship, academic achievement, leadership, and financial need.
- The Community Foundation of Greenville's Board of Directors, in accordance with the Foundation's current bylaws, approves advisory committee members annually.
- To ensure that a fair, equitable, objective, and non-discriminatory selection process is used, all applicants are required to adhere to the same guidelines and to submit the required application form and attachments.

AWARD AMOUNT:

- Award amount and number of awards are determined annually based on the *Community Foundation of Greenville's Spending Policy for Endowment Funds*.
- Scholarship funds are paid to an approved educational institution in the name of the recipient.
- Scholarship funds are awarded for one academic year and are not subject to automatic renewal.

DEADLINE:

- Application must be submitted online by the published due date.

Supplemental materials required:

- Official transcript
- Letter of recommendation from applicant's supervisor

Margaret and Jack Paylor Family Scholarship Fund

PURPOSE:

The Margaret and Jack Paylor Family Scholarship Fund was created to provide financial assistance for higher education attainment to economically disadvantaged students residing in Greenville County and planning to attending a South Carolina public college/university.

CRITERIA:

- Applicant must be a resident of Greenville County, South Carolina.
- Applicant must have a minimum 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 (un-weighted) scale in high school.
- First-time applicant must be a rising freshman planning to attend a South Carolina public college/university.
- Applicant must be accepted to an institution of higher learning prior to applying.
- Applicant must demonstrate financial need (economically disadvantaged).

GUIDELINES:

- Prior scholarship award recipients may apply for subsequent awards.
- Applicant will be considered regardless of race, sex, religion, or national origin.
- A Scholarship Advisory Committee will be responsible for reviewing scholarship applications on an objective and non-discriminatory basis and for making award recommendations.
- Applications will be judged based upon completeness, community involvement, citizenship, academic achievement, leadership, and financial need.
- The Community Foundation of Greenville's Board of Directors, in accordance with the Foundation's current bylaws, approves advisory committee members annually.
- To ensure that a fair, equitable, objective, and non-discriminatory selection process is used, all applicants are required to adhere to the same guidelines and to submit the required application form and attachments.

AWARD AMOUNT: \$5,000 per academic year

- The goal of this fund is to award four \$5,000 scholarships annually for a total annual distribution of \$20,000.
- The number of annual awards is limited to the fund's distributable amount based on the terms outlined in the Fund Agreement.
- All award distributions will be made by the Community Foundation on the recommendation of the Scholarship Advisory Committee and will be paid in two installments (**\$2,500 per semester**) to an approved educational institution in the name of the recipient.
- Scholarship recipients must maintain a 2.5 GPA. If scholarship eligibility is lost during the first semester of an academic year, the second installment of \$2,500 **will not** be issued.
- Scholarship funds are awarded for one academic year.

Supplemental materials required:

- Official high school transcript
- Documentation of financial need: Federal Student Aid FAFSA Electronic Student Aid Report (SAR), or a statement of financial aid and eligibility from the student's prospective college/university's Financial Aid Department

- One letter of recommendation (i.e. teacher, coach, employer, clergy)

DEADLINE:

- Application must be submitted online by published due date
- Deadline to be determined annually
- Awards will be announced in July

Obermier Scholarship Fund *in Memory of John N. Obermier, Edith M. Obermier and Mary Belle Obermier*

PURPOSE:

Mary Belle Obermier established this scholarship with a gift from her estate in 2012. Her intent was to help academically deserving students who need financial assistance to be able to attend college and to give preference to qualified students who are committed to a career in the United States Navy. The preference for naval students is in recognition of the US Navy careers of her deceased husband, John, and his deceased first wife, Edith, who were both veterans of World War II.

CRITERIA:

- Applicant must demonstrate financial need (economically disadvantaged)
- Applicant must have a current academic GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Applicant must be enrolled or accepted to an institution of higher learning prior to applying
- Applicant must submit one letter of recommendation from a teacher, employer, or clergy

GUIDELINES:

- Applicant will be considered regardless of race, sex, religion, or national origin.
- The number of scholarships awarded will be determined annually based on the Community Foundation of Greenville's spending policy for endowed funds.
- Recipients of this scholarship are eligible to apply for subsequent awards on an annual basis.
- A Scholarship Advisory Committee will be responsible for reviewing scholarship applications thoroughly on an objective and non-discriminatory basis and for making award recommendations.
- Preference in the selection process will be given in the following order to qualified applicants who are (1) students who are committed to a career in the United States Navy (2) residents of Greer, SC, (3) residents of South Carolina and (4) residents of all other states
- The Community Foundation of Greenville's Board of Directors, in accordance with the Foundation's current By-Laws, will approve advisory committee members annually.
- To ensure that a fair, equitable, objective, and non-discriminatory selection process is used, all applicants are required to adhere to the same guidelines and submit the required application form and attachments.

AWARD AMOUNT:

- Scholarship award minimum will be \$1,000 per recipient.
- The number of scholarships awarded will be determined annually based on the Community Foundation of Greenville's spending policy for endowed funds.
- Awards will be paid to the accredited educational institution in the name of the recipient and will be applied only to the costs of tuition and institutional fees, required course related expenses (fees, books, supplies and equipment), and room and board.
- The payment schedule will be determined by the Scholarship Advisory Committee and will be based on the educational expense per semester.

- Scholarship awards are granted for one academic year and recipients are eligible to re-apply for awards in subsequent years.

DEADLINE:

- Application must be submitted online by published due date.

Supplemental materials required:

- Official transcript
- SAT/ACT scores
- Documentation of financial need: Federal Student Aid FAFSA Electronic Student Aid Report (SAR), or a statement of financial aid and eligibility from the student's prospective college or university's Financial Aid Department Applicant's most recent college transcript
- One letter of recommendation from teacher, employer, or clergy

Rama Memorial Scholarship Fund for the Greenville City Fire Department

PURPOSE:

The Rama Family established the scholarship in 2006 with the purpose of promoting opportunities for higher education for children of members of the Greenville City Fire Department by awarding grants for tuition and required fees.

CRITERIA:

- Children of full-time (active, retired, permanently disabled, or deceased) employees with two or more years of service to the Greenville City Fire Department are eligible.
- Applicant must be seeking a Baccalaureate or Associate degree from an accredited institution on a full-time basis
- Applicant must have a minimum 2.0 GPA.
- Applicant must have received college acceptance prior to applying.
- Applicant must NOT be receiving a full scholarship that covers all institutional expenses.

GUIDELINES:

- Applicant will be considered regardless of race, sex, religion, or national origin.
- A Scholarship Advisory Committee will be responsible for reviewing scholarship applications on an objective and non-discriminatory basis and for making award recommendations.
- Applications will be judged based upon completeness, community involvement, citizenship, academic achievement, leadership, and financial need.
- The Community Foundation of Greenville's Board of Directors, in accordance with the Foundation's current bylaws, approves advisory committee members annually.
- To ensure that a fair, equitable, objective, and non-discriminatory selection process is used, all applicants are required to adhere to the same guidelines and to submit the required application form and attachments.

AWARD AMOUNT:

- Award amount and number of awards are determined annually based on the *Community Foundation of Greenville's Spending Policy for Endowment Funds*.
- Scholarship funds are paid to an approved educational institution in the name of the recipient.
- Scholarship funds are awarded for one academic year and are not subject to automatic renewal.
- Prior recipients may apply for subsequent awards not to exceed four academic years.

DEADLINE:

- Application must be submitted online by published due date
- Scholarship recipients are notified in July

Supplemental materials required:

- One letter of recommendation
- Official transcript
- SAT/ACT scores

John I. Smith Charities Scholarship

PURPOSE:

Established in 1989 by John I. Smith Charities to provide educational incentives and financial assistance to individuals residing in government-subsidized housing with the goal of helping students achieve self-sufficiency and become contributing citizens of the community through educational attainment.

CRITERIA:

- Applicant must be a high school graduate
- Applicant must be accepted at a qualifying college, university, or technical school
- Applicant must demonstrate financial need
- Applicant must currently have a minimum 2.0 GPA

Students residing in government-subsidized housing will receive first priority in the selection process. Neighborhoods throughout the Greenville Community that qualify include: Charleston Place, Evergreen Place, Heritage: Clark Street, Forest View, and Nicholtown, The Manor at West Greenville, Heritage at Sliding Rock, Harbor at West Greenville, Gallery at West Greenville, Garden Apartments, Ridgeway Apartments, Single Family Homes, Arcadia Hills, and families enrolled in the Greenville Housing Authority Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program.

GUIDELINES:

- Applicant will be considered regardless of race, sex, religion, or national origin.
- A Scholarship Advisory Committee will be responsible for reviewing scholarship applications on an objective and non-discriminatory basis and for making award recommendations.
- Applications will be judged based upon completeness, community involvement, citizenship, academic achievement, leadership, and financial need. Scholarships are renewable for four years, although fifth-year awards are made under certain circumstances.
- The Community Foundation of Greenville's Board of Directors, in accordance with the Foundation's current bylaws, approves advisory committee members annually.
- To ensure that a fair, equitable, objective, and non-discriminatory selection process is used, all applicants are required to adhere to the same guidelines and to submit the required application form and attachments.

AWARD AMOUNT: \$800.00 *per semester for up to 4 years*

- At least one scholarship will be awarded annually.
- Award amount and number of awards are determined annually based on the *Community Foundation of Greenville's Spending Policy for Endowment Funds*.
- Scholarship funds will be paid per semester to the approved educational institution in the name of the recipient and applied only to the costs of tuition, room and board, or required fees.

To maintain eligibility award recipient must:

- Sign and return Scholarship Terms Acceptance Agreement
- Maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA
- Submit grades/transcript following each semester
- Notify the Community Foundation immediately if enrollment status changes

DEADLINE:

- Application must be submitted online by published due date
- Scholarship recipients will be notified in July

Supplemental materials required:

- Letter of recommendation
- Official transcript
- SAT/ACT scores
- Documentation of financial need: Federal Student Aid FAFSA Electronic Student Aid Report (SAR), or a statement of financial aid and eligibility from the student's prospective college or university's Financial Aid Department

The Environmental Education Grant

PURPOSE:

The fund was established in 1997 to benefit a person residing in Bermuda who intends to pursue a degree or diploma in the general field of environmental studies at a qualifying college, university, or other institution in the United States. This scholarship was designed to promote and encourage the study of conservation, ecology, agriculture, horticulture, and related subjects, and to recognize the importance of promoting these subjects as they relate to the appreciation, enhancement, and conservation of Bermuda's environment.

CRITERIA:

- Applicant must be a resident of Bermuda.
- Applicant must attend an accredited college, university, or other educational establishment in the U.S., which is approved by the Grant Committee.
- Applicant must plan to study conservation, ecology, agriculture, horticulture, or a related subject, which will lead to a degree or diploma in any of these subjects.

GUIDELINES:

- Applicant will be considered regardless of race, sex, religion, or national origin.
- A Scholarship Advisory Committee will be responsible for reviewing scholarship applications on an objective and non-discriminatory basis and for making award recommendations.
- Applications will be judged based upon completeness, community involvement, citizenship, academic achievement, leadership, and financial need.
- The Community Foundation of Greenville's Board of Directors, in accordance with the Foundation's current bylaws, approves advisory committee members annually.
- To ensure that a fair, equitable, objective, and non-discriminatory selection process is used, all applicants are required to adhere to the same guidelines and to submit the required application form and attachments.

AWARD AMOUNT:

- Award amount and number of awards are determined annually based on the *Community Foundation of Greenville's Spending Policy for Endowment Funds*.
- Scholarship funds are paid to an approved educational institution in the name of the recipient.
- Scholarship funds are awarded for one academic year and are not subject to automatic renewal.

DEADLINE:

- Application must be submitted online by published due date
- Deadline to be determined annually

Supplemental materials required:

- One letter of recommendation
- Official transcript
- SAT/ACT scores