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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:

- Applicants must be graduating students at Wade Hampton High School.
- Applicants must be pursuing a degree at an accredited higher education institution located in South Carolina.
- Applicants must be accepted to an institution of higher learning prior to applying.
- Applicants must have a minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 (un-weighted) scale in high school.

GUIDELINES:

- Applicants will be considered regardless of race, sex, religion, or national origin.
- One scholarship award will be made annually.
- Preference in the selection process will be given in the following order to qualified applicants who are pursuing a degree in (1) Poetry (2) English (3) Literature (4) Education (5) Journalism (6) Communications (7) all other majors.
- 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 institutional fees.
- Scholarship recipients 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.

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 one thousand words).

DEADLINE:

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

Barry and Elaine Nocks Scholarship

PURPOSE:
Barry and Elaine Nocks established this scholarship fund to provide educational scholarships to first generation college students who reside in Greenville County, SC.

CRITERIA:
- Applicants must be seeking a Baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution on a full-time basis.
- Applicants must have a minimum of 3.5 GPA.
- Applicants must have received college acceptance prior to applying.
- Applicants must NOT be receiving a full college scholarship that covers all institutional expenses.

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 student.
- 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.

Supplemental materials required:
- Two letters of recommendation
- Official transcript
- Documentation of financial need: Federal Student Aid Report (FAFSA), or a statement of financial aid and eligibility from the student's perspective college or university's Financial Aid Department
- SAT/ACT scores (incoming first-year students)

DEADLINE:
- Applications must be submitted online by the published due date.
- Scholarship recipients are notified by July of any given year.

Dillon Family Scholarship

PURPOSE

The Dillon family is offering two scholarships to graduating seniors at Eastside High School who plan to pursue a career in education or a construction field.

The Dillons (including their 2nd generation Beres family) have personally invested in Eastside High School across two generations - watching students thrive because of the school's unique high school culture. Older students often mentor and encourage younger students, creating an environment where students feel welcomed and supported. It is a school where students can be themselves, build meaningful friendships, and grow with the encouragement of the people around them.

Through these scholarships, the Dillon Family wishes to support students who want to carry that same spirit of service, mentorship, and hard work into their own careers.

One scholarship will be awarded to a student pursuing a career in education, with preference given to students interested in teaching at the middle school level or above. Great teachers have an extraordinary ability to influence young people, and this scholarship would support someone who wants to make that kind of difference in the lives of future students.

The second scholarship will be awarded to a student pursuing a career in the construction field. The construction industry offers tremendous opportunities for students who are mechanically minded - those who can look at a problem, visualize a solution, understand the mechanics behind it, and figure out how to build it.

CRITERIA:

- Applicants must be seeking a Baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution on a full-time basis.
- Applicants must have a minimum of 3.0 GPA.
- Applicants must have received college acceptance prior to applying.
- Applicants must NOT be receiving a full college scholarship that covers all institutional expenses.

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:

- The scholarship fund will award two $5,000 scholarships, one in each field of study. Scholarship funds are paid to an approved educational institution in the name of the student.
- Scholarship funds are awarded for one academic year and are not subject to renewal.
- Prior scholarship recipients may NOT apply for subsequent awards.

DEADLINE:

- Applications must be submitted online by the published due date.
- Scholarship recipients are notified by July of any given year.

Supplemental materials required:

- Official school transcript
- Documentation of financial need: Federal Student Aid Report (FAFSA), or a statement of financial aid and eligibility from the student's perspective college/university's Financial Aid Department
- Two letters of recommendation (i.e., teacher, coach, employer, clergy)
- SAT/ACT scores

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 their spouses or children.

CRITERIA:
- Applicants must be active fire service personnel (full-time or volunteer) and/or the spouse or immediate children of fire service personnel pursuing higher education at an accredited technical college or university.
- Applicants must be a member in good standing, spouse, or an immediate child of a member in good standing of a Greenville County Fire Chiefs' Association affiliated department.
- Applicants must be accepted to an institution of higher learning prior to applying.
- High School Seniors and current college students must have a minimum 2.5 GPA.
- First time applicants will receive first priority in the award process.

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.
- All 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 required attachments.

AWARD AMOUNT:
- A minimum of $5,000 will be awarded annually and the number and amount of each award will be determined annually.
- Scholarship funds are paid to an approved educational institution in the name of the student.
- Scholarship funds are awarded for one academic year and are not subject to automatic renewal.

DEADLINE:
- Applications must be submitted online by the published due date.
- Scholarship recipients will be notified in July.

Supplemental materials required:
- One letter of recommendation
- Official transcript *(Adult learners may submit their college letter of admittance)*
- SAT/ACT scores *(not required for current college students or adult learning applicants)*

Greenville County Library Staff Education Fund *in Memory of Anthony Messineo*

PURPOSE:
The purpose of the Greenville 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, 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:
- Applicants must be current full-time staff members of the library and have at least 12 months of uninterrupted service immediately prior to the submission of the application. In addition, part-time employees who have completed their six-month introductory period are eligible to apply for reimbursement for 50% of costs specifically for ALA Library Support Staff Certification courses and books.
- Scholarship requests shall be made for specialized course work, a bachelor's degree in an appropriate job-related field and/or a master's degree in library and information Science.
- Applications must include a letter of recommendation from the applicant's supervisor.

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.

Supplemental materials required:
- Official transcript or candidate Achievement Record for ALA Library Support Staff Certificate, if prior courses have been completed
- Letter of recommendation from applicant's supervisor

DEADLINE:
- Applications must be submitted online by the published due date.

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

Students residing in government-subsidized housing will receive first priority in the awards process.

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. 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 student 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.

Supplemental materials required:
- Letter of recommendation
- Official transcript

- SAT/ACT scores (incoming first-year students)
- Documentation of financial need: Federal Student Aid Report (FAFSA), or a statement of financial aid and eligibility from the student's perspective college or university's Financial Aid Department

DEADLINE:

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

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 be attending a South Carolina public college/university.

CRITERIA:
- Applicants must reside in Greenville County, South Carolina.
- Applicants must have a minimum 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 (un-weighted) scale in high school.
- First-time applicants must be a rising first-year student planning to attend a South Carolina public college/university.
- Applicants must be accepted to an institution of higher learning prior to applying.
- Applicants must demonstrate financial need (economically disadvantaged).
- Applicants of African heritage who meet the above criteria will receive first consideration in the selection process, followed by applicants of Hispanic heritage who meet the same criteria.

GUIDELINES:
- Prior scholarship award recipients may NOT apply for subsequent awards.
- 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: $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 Report (FAFSA), or a statement of financial aid and eligibility from the student's perspective college/university's Financial Aid Department
- One letter of recommendation (i.e., teacher, coach, employer, clergy)

DEADLINE:

- Applications must be submitted online by the 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:

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

GUIDELINES:

- Applicants 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:

- The 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 student and will be applied only to the costs of tuition, 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.

Supplemental materials required:

- Official transcript
- SAT/ACT scores (incoming first-year students)
- Documentation of financial need: Federal Student Aid Report (FAFSA), or a statement of financial aid and eligibility from the student's perspective college or university's Financial Aid Department
- One letter of recommendation from teacher, employer, or clergy

DEADLINE:

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

Rama Legacy Scholarship

PURPOSE:

The Rama Legacy Scholarship is a higher education fund established by Hasmukh (H.P.) Rama to honor Auro Hotels' founding brothers, Jayanti (J.P.) Rama, Manhar (M.P.) Rama, and Denu (D.P.) Rama. This scholarship aims to provide educational opportunities to children of Auro Hotels' associates, continuing the company's commitment to family and community advancement.

CRITERIA:

- The applicant must be a child of an Auro Hotel Associate (full-time or part-time) who is in good standing and past their probationary period.
- Applicants must have a current academic GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- Applicants must be pursuing a bachelor's or associate degree at an accredited higher education institution.
- Applicants must pursue a degree in one of the following areas of study: Hospitality, Business, Accounting, Human Resources, Information Technology, Marketing, Culinary, Finance.
- Applicants must submit two letters of recommendation.

GUIDELINES:

- Applicants will be considered regardless of race, sex, religion, or national origin.
- Prior scholarship award recipients may reapply for subsequent awards.
- Applications will be judged based upon completeness, community involvement, citizenship, academic achievement, leadership, and financial need.
- 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:

- Scholarship Award amount and number of awards are determined annually.
- Awards will be paid to the accredited educational institution in the name of the student and will be applied only to the costs of tuition and institutional fees.
- Scholarship funds are awarded for one academic year and are not subject to automatic renewal.

DEADLINE:

- Applications must be submitted online by the published due date.
- Scholarship awards will be announced in late June of each year.

Supplemental materials required:

- Official high school or college transcript
- Two letters of recommendation

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.
- Applicants must be seeking a Baccalaureate or associate degree from an accredited institution on a full-time basis.
- Applicants must have a minimum 2.0 GPA.
- Applicants must have received college acceptance prior to applying.
- Applicants must NOT be receiving a full scholarship that covers all institutional expenses.

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.
- Prior recipients may apply for subsequent awards not to exceed four academic years.

Supplemental materials required:
- One letter of recommendation
- Official transcript
- SAT/ACT scores (incoming first-year students)

DEADLINE:
- Applications must be submitted online by the published due date.
- Scholarship recipients are notified in July.

Richard P. McCutchen Scholarship Fund

PURPOSE:
The purposes of this Fund are to provide need-based financial assistance to student athletes who (a) currently attend high school (i.e., grades 9–12) at Lee Academy, located in Bishopville, South Carolina ("Lee Academy"), and (b) qualify for such assistance pursuant to established Fund criteria.

SCHOLARSHIP ADVISORY COMMITTEE:
The Fund's scholarship advisory committee (the "Committee") consists of at least three members. The Board of Directors (the "Board") of the Community Foundation of Greenville (the "Foundation"), in accordance with the Foundation's current bylaws, approves Committee members annually.

- The Committee functions as the scholarship application review committee for the Fund.
- Committee members are approved on an annual basis and serve at the discretion of the Board.
- The Committee is responsible for making award recommendations to the Board. In reviewing and evaluating scholarship applications and making funding recommendations to the Board, Committee members consider the purposes of the Fund and the Fund's scholarship eligibility criteria.
- The Committee makes all scholarship selections on an objective and non-discriminatory basis.

CRITERIA:
- Must be a student attending high school (i.e., grades 9–12) at Lee Academy at the time of the submission of the applicant's scholarship application.
- Must be an active participant in an athletic program provided by Lee Academy. Such athletic programs may include, without limitation, football, cheerleading, basketball, volleyball, baseball, softball, sporting clays, bowling, golf, and track.
- Must have a demonstrated need for financial assistance based upon economic disadvantage. In assessing each applicant's need for financial assistance, Committee Members consider "Financial Information," defined as (i) reports or summarized data from pertinent financial aid applications submitted in connection with the applicant's attendance of Lee Academy and (ii) any other evidence of financial hardship submitted with the applicant's scholarship application (e.g., a personalized hardship statement from the applicant).
- Must not be a family member (including a spouse, sibling, child, stepchild, adopted child, grandchild, or great-grandchild) of a Committee member, a member of the Board, or a member of the Foundation's staff.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS:
- Each award will be a minimum of $2,000.

- The goal of this Fund is to award a minimum of one and a maximum of three scholarships annually.
- The number of annual awards is limited to the Fund's distributable amount, based on the terms of the scholarship fund agreement with the Foundation and the Foundation's spending policies.
- On or prior to February 15th of each year, the Committee determines the number and amount of scholarships to be awarded to scholarship applicants for the upcoming scholarship cycle.
- Any financial assistance awarded from the Fund is (a) distributed by the Foundation upon the recommendation of the Committee and the approval of the Board and (b) paid to Lee Academy on behalf of the applicant receiving such financial assistance.
- Scholarship funds are awarded for one academic year.
- Recipients of previous scholarship awards may apply for subsequent awards.
- Awards are announced in June.

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS REQUIRED:

- The Applicant's grade report for the semester most recently completed by the Applicant.
- Sufficient Financial Information for the Committee to determine whether the Applicant has a demonstrated need for financial assistance based upon economic disadvantages.
- One letter of recommendation from, e.g., a current or former teacher, coach, employer, or clergy member.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION:

- To ensure that a fair, equitable, and objective selection process is used, all applicants are required to adhere to the same guidelines, submit the required application form, and submit the required supplemental materials.
- The application must be submitted no later than the first day of April preceding the scholarship year online at https://www.cfgreenville.org/scholarship-fund-application.php.
- Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Sterling High School Alumni Association Scholarship Fund

in Memory of Dwight David Huggins

PURPOSE

Dwight David Huggins (Class of 1962) contributed to this scholarship with a gift from his estate in 2024. His intent was to assist deserving African American/Black students residing in Greenville County, in need of financial assistance to be able to attend institutions of higher learning while seeking to become lifelong learners and productive, self-sufficient members of our society. The preference for descendants of Sterling High School Alumni and Israel Metropolitan AME church is in recognition of him being a former member of both organizations.

SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be a resident of Greenville County.
- Have a current cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher.
- Be accepted to or enrolled in an accredited institution of higher education prior to applying.
- Demonstrate financial need.
- Be pursuing an associate or bachelor's degree.
- Submit two letters of recommendation from a teacher, employer, or member of the clergy.
- Not receiving a full scholarship that covers all institutional expenses.

This scholarship is a one-time award. Recipients are not eligible to reapply for funding in subsequent years.

GUIDELINES

- The number of scholarships awarded will be determined annually based on the Community Foundation of Greenville's spending policy for endowed funds.
- At least 3-5 members of Sterling High School Alumni Association Scholarship Committee will serve on the Scholarship Advisory Committee and will be responsible for reviewing scholarship applications on an objective and non-discriminatory basis and for making award recommendations.
- Preference in the selection process will be given in the following order: 1. One Student who is a member of Israel Metropolitan CME Church who meets all scholarship criteria will receive a scholarship award. 2. An applicant who is a descendant of a Sterling High School alumnus and meets all scholarship criteria will be given preference as an award recipient.
- The Sterling Alumni Association will remit $1,500 to the Community Foundation of Greenville annually to supplement scholarships awards.
- The Community Foundation of Greenville's Board of Directors, in accordance with the Foundation's current By-Laws, will approve 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 AMOUNTS: $2,500.00 ($1,250 per semester) per academic year.

- The goal of this fund is to award three $2,500.00 scholarships annually for a total annual distribution of $7,500.00.
- 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 ($1,250.00) per semester) to an approved accredited 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 $1,250.00 will not be issued.
- Scholarship funds are awarded for one academic year, not subject to renewal.

DEADLINE

- Applications must be submitted online on the Community Foundation online application system by the published due date.
- Scholarship recipients will be notified in July of the current year.

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS REQUIRED

Two Letters of recommendation
FAFSA Financial Aid Report
Official transcript

The Pioneer Scholarship Fund

PURPOSE:
This Scholarship Fund was established to provide financial assistance for higher education attainment to first generation need-based students residing in Greenville County.

SCHOLARSHIP ADVISORY COMMITTEE: The committee will be composed of one staff member of the Community Foundation of Greenville, and additional positions will be filled annually prior to the award cycle. The committee will consist of a minimum of three members and a maximum of five. The Board of Directors of the Community Foundation of Greenville, in accordance with the Foundation's current bylaws, approves advisory committee members annually.

- The Scholarship Advisory Committee shall function as the application review committee.
- The committee will be responsible for reviewing scholarship applications on an objective and non-discriminatory basis.
- The committee will be responsible for ensuring that all applicants considered for award meet the criteria outlined by the Donor.
- The committee will be responsible for making award recommendations.

CRITERIA:

- Applicants must be residents of Greenville County, South Carolina.
- Applicants must be first-generation college students.
- Applicants must have a minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 (un-weighted) scale in high school.
- Applicants must be a rising first-year college student.
- Applicants must be accepted to an institution of higher learning prior to applying.
- Applicants must demonstrate financial need (economically disadvantaged).

GUIDELINES:

Preference will be given to African American applicants who meet the outlined criteria, demonstrate financial need, and reside in a single-earner household. However, the final decision will be based on how well applicants meet the overall scholarship requirements, including past academic achievements and future goals.

To ensure that a fair, equitable, and objective selection process is used, all applicants are required to adhere to the same guidelines, submit the required application form, and submit the required supplemental materials.

AWARD AMOUNT: $20,000

- The goal of this fund is to award one $20,000 scholarship annually ($5,000 per academic year for up to 4 years).
- 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 to an approved educational institution in the name of the recipient.

- Scholarship recipients must maintain a 2.5 GPA and submit a current transcript after each completed semester to remain eligible for additional payments.

Supplemental materials <u>required</u>:

- 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 perspective college or university's Financial Aid Department
- Two letters of recommendation (i.e., teacher, coach, employer, clergy)

DEADLINE:

- Application must be submitted online at https://www.cfgreenville.org/scholarship-fund-application.php by May 1. Awards are announced in July.
- Incomplete applications will not be considered.