



The Greater
BLYTHEWOOD CHAMBER
Commerce - CoWork - Visitors

PO Box 1055, Blythewood, SC 29016 www.blythewoodchamber.com

Dear Students, Parents, and Guidance Counselors,

For 2018, the Greater Blythewood Chamber of Commerce will award one \$1,000 scholarship to a deserving local area student seeking a college degree in a business-related field. All high school seniors residing or attending school in the Blythewood 29016 zip code, as well as seniors of active GBCC members that are planning to attend institutions of higher learning are eligible to apply. Selection is based on the following:

- Need of Financial Assistance – 20%
- Scholastic Achievement – 30%
- School Involvement – 10%
- Community Service – 10%
- Essay – 10%
- Interview – 20%.

To be considered, the following items **MUST** be included with your application:

- Completed and signed Scholarship Application form
- Unofficial transcript copy signed and sealed by a guidance counselor
- Letter of academic recommendation from a school representative or teacher. If home schooled, the letter should be from an employer, minister, or teacher other than the parent.
- An essay (500 words or less, typed double spaced) about a book or piece of literature that has affected you and why
- An acceptance letter from the school the student plans to attend
- Letter of Estimated Family Contributions (EFC) from FAFSA.

Incomplete applications will **NOT** be considered. Applications must be postmarked by Tuesday, May 2, 2018, and mailed to:

Scholarship Chair
c/o The Greater Blythewood Chamber of Commerce
PO Box 1055
Blythewood, SC 29016

Applicants must agree to be available for an interview on Monday, May 21, 2018 and/or Wednesday, May 23, 2018. The winner will be announced at our June 12th, 2018 breakfast meeting at Doko Manor.

Sincerely,

Greater Blythewood Chamber of Commerce

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THE FOLLOWING PAGES WITH REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

FATHER/GUARDIAN INFORMATION:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Occupation: _____

Employer: _____

Father's/Guardian's Approximate Annual Salary (including commissions): _____

MOTHER/GUARDIAN INFORMATION:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Occupation: _____

Employer: _____

Mother's/Guardian's Approximate Annual Salary (including commissions): _____

I WILL BE SEEKING THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS-RELATED DEGREE IN COLLEGE:

Degree: _____

Name of College: _____

HIGHER EDUCATION COST INFORMATION:

Number of dependent children living at home (including applicant): _____

Number of dependent children in college (not including applicant): _____

Cost per year of school you are planning to attend:

_____ + _____ + _____ = _____

(tuition) (housing) (meal plan) (total)

SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS & FINANCIAL AID:

IMPORTANT: Attach a Letter of Estimated Financial Contribution from the Federal Government (after the completion of FAFSA application.)

How much of the EFC will be coming from Student Loans? _____

List below other anticipated scholarships (i.e. Palmetto Fellows, Life, Hope), grants, financial aid, etc. that you will receive and specify how many dollars per year. Please list separately by category. Please explain if these are recurring funds or a one-time allotment.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

State the reason(s) you need financial assistance.

APPLICANT INTRODUCTION:

Provide a brief written introduction of yourself.

APPLICANT'S SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT & STUDENT INVOLVEMENT:

List below your community service activities, work, and volunteer jobs

List below your school involvement including extracurricular activities (athletics, music, school offices held, etc.).

List below any academic recognition, awards, or honors you have received.

IMPORTANT: Attach a typed, double-spaced essay (500 words or less) about a book or piece of literature that has affected you and why.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE: _____