



Youth Leadership Calhoun County Scholarship Guidelines Class of 2015

The award can only be used for tuition and related expenses as defined by the Internal Revenue Service: "tuition and fees required for the enrollment or attendance of a student(s) at an education organization described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii) required for courses of instruction at such an educational organization."

Eligibility: Applicants must be a graduate of YLCC, a 2015 high school graduate and be accepted at an accredited college or university within the state of Alabama. The award will be given without regard to race, religion, gender, national origin or disability.

Spouses, children, adopted children, and grandchildren of LCC Board of Directors, LCC Program Director, Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce employees are prohibited from applying or receiving any scholarship from Leadership Calhoun County.

Payment of Award: Payment is made to the student's account for the fall semester tuition and fees expenses at the beginning of the academic quarter or semester upon the selection committee's receipt of certified proof of enrollment / class registration from the institution. Payment will be made directly to the institution of higher education. In the event the award recipient withdraws from college and any refund is due, the money will not go to the student, but will be returned to LCC.

One time Award: This award is not renewable.

Essay: An essay is required with the application. The composition should be typed, at least 2 pages but not to exceed 4 pages in length, size 12 font, and be double spaced.

- Define personal aspirations
- State career path goals and reason for choosing
- State career responsibilities
- State potential personal contribution to chosen profession
- Include all work, volunteer, or leadership experience
- Any special circumstances or need

Applicants will submit by deadline of **Thursday, January 29, 2015 by 4:00 p.m.:**

- Completed application form
- 2 letters of recommendation
- Current GPA and ACT scores validated by school official from his/her high school
- Essay
- Applicants must be accepted at a college or university within the state of Alabama

Priority will be given to scholarship applicants with:

- Discernable academic ability
- Strong moral character and leadership experience
- Recognized school or community service
- Acceptance or current attendance at college in Alabama with special consideration given to JSU and GSCC

SCORING

For selection committee use only

Candidate's Name _____

Committee member's initials _____ Date _____

I. Academic Ability

Candidate's GPA:

- 1 = 3.0 to 3.2
- 2 = 3.23 to 3.4
- 3 = 3.43 to 3.6
- 4 = 3.63 to 3.8
- 5 = 3.83 to 4.0
- 6 = > 4.0

Candidate's ACT:

- 1 = 17 to 19
- 2 = 20 to 21
- 3 = 22 to 23
- 4 = 24 to 25
- 5 = 26 to 28
- 6 = > 28

On a scale of 1 to 6

1. GPA score
2. ACT score
3. Has strong academic endorsement based on letter of support
4. Applicant has maintained or improved GPA over the four years of high school
5. In your opinion how would you rate the overall academic ability of this applicant

SCORE

Possible 30 POINTS

SECTION I TOTAL

II. Career Goals

On a scale of 1 to 6

1. Clearly states in the essay his/her career path goals
2. Has a realistic and mature view of career responsibilities
3. Has work or volunteer experience in chosen career field (i.e. goals is to be a doctor, has volunteered at the Red Cross, hospital, child care or retirement, etc.)
4. The applicant illustrates the characteristics necessary for being successful in his/her career goal as validated by the letters of support

SCORE

Possible 24 POINTS

SECTION II TOTAL

III. Leadership
On a scale of 1 to 6

SCORE

- 1. The essay reflects a person of moral and mature character _____
- 2. Activities, work, awards reflect a person with drive and motivation _____
- 3. Letters of support offer evidence of strong character or leadership _____
- 4. Letters of support offer evidence of altruism and service to others _____

Possible 24 POINTS

SECTION III TOTAL _____

IV. Circumstances & Financial Need
On a Scale of 1 to 5

SCORE

Codes: S - sibling, OP – one parent, TP – two parents, HT - household total

- 1. The applicant or applicant's family have limited financial resources due to income, the size of the family or additional children currently attending college _____
- 2. The applicant or applicant's family have unusual hardships due to health or social conditions _____
- 3. The applicant works more than 20 hours a week _____
- 4. The applicant plans to work while attending college _____

Possible 20 POINTS

SECTION IV TOTAL _____

V. Attendance at JSU or GSCC
On a Scale of 0 to 2

SCORE

- 1. The applicant will attend JSU or GSCC _____

POSSIBLE 2 POINTS

SECTION V TOTAL _____

Possible Total 100 POINTS

TOTAL SCORE _____

In case of a tie preference will be given to the applicant with the highest score in Section III, then section I.

Additional Comments – If there is something special about this candidate that you believe is not captured or if there is something you wish to explain regarding your scoring, please add your comments below:
