

For Your Information - May, 2021

– Excerpts abbreviated from Educational Grants By-laws -
(More detailed information is distributed to Association members and Scholarship Recipients)

SHSAA, Inc. Educational Grants

The Sampson High School Alumni Association, Inc. was founded in 1973 and awarded its first scholarship in 1975. The Association awards three scholarships annually totaling \$14,000.

EDUCATIONAL GRANTS BY-LAWS

The Sampson High School Alumni Association, Inc. does hereby establish Educational Grants not to exceed \$14,000 per year. These grants shall be awarded to candidates who graduate from Clinton High School, high schools in Sampson County, high schools in areas where SHSAA chapters are located, and to graduating candidates who are descendants of Sampson High School Alumni Association members.

It is the request of the donor that these grants are awarded to the best qualified applicants fitting the prescribed eligibility criteria, without regard to race, creed, color or national origin. One grant in the amount of **\$6000** shall be awarded to a Clinton High/Sampson County applicant and one grant totaling **\$6000** shall be awarded to a non-Clinton High School (or at-large) applicant should there be applicants from the latter. If there are no applicants outside the Clinton area, the second grant shall not be awarded. The third grant in the amount of **\$2000** shall be awarded based on academics only.

The Scholarship recipients shall be determined in accordance with the provisions and regulations contained herein. The Grants may be used for entrance to an accredited university/college, business school, technical school, or community college.

Purpose and Objectives:

- To encourage, promote and improve higher educational standards among students in Clinton City Schools, Sampson County Schools and descendants of SHSAA, Inc members.
- To enable students with limited financial resources to pursue a higher education.
- To afford worthy and talented students the opportunity to cultivate their talents.

NOTE: (Associate members must be active/ financial for a total of three years before their off-springs can apply for the grants.)

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Expectations:

- Each recipient shall maintain a **semester and cumulative** GPA of a “C” or 2.5 on a 4.0 scale and a 1.5 on a 3.0 scale.
- Each recipient shall display at all times the qualities of good citizenship, good moral character, ambition, objective and purpose, temperament and stability as recorded on his/her high school record and recommendations submitted with the application.

- Each recipient shall provide the scholarship chair with the name of the institution he/she plans to attend upon receipt of the grant award from the chair.
- Each recipient shall be expected to join a local chapter and as a National Member paying membership dues paid by September 5th of the year the grant was received and annually thereafter. (new)
- Each recipient is expected to act as a mentor and participate in/conduct at least one(1) college preparation workshop with future recipients each year scholarship is received. (new)
- Each freshman recipient shall provide to the Scholarship Chair an official letter on the institution's letterhead validating his/her acceptance and enrollment for the first semester. Thereafter, a transcript must be mailed each semester from the school's Registrar Office to the Scholarship Chair.
- **Each recipient shall have the Registrar's Office mail official transcripts of each semester/quarter directly to the scholarship chair. To ensure that payments are disbursed in a timely manner, transcripts should be mailed at least five days after the grading period ends or as soon thereafter as possible.**
- Each recipient shall notify the Scholarship Chair of any change in academic status which may jeopardize scholarship, such as: marrying and transferring to or withdrawing from a college/university.

Reasons for Disqualification The Chair shall call a special session of the Scholarship Committee to consider "disqualification action" at any time there is reason or evidence to indicate disqualification may be in order. **An announced winner shall be disqualified for any of the following reasons:**

1. Failure to gain admittance to an accredited institution
2. Failure to begin his/her college career at the beginning of the school year following his/her graduation from high school. He/She may reapply the following year.
3. Refusal of the college/institution to re-enroll student for any reason
4. Conviction of a **felony** at any time the grant is active.
5. **Failure to maintain a semester and cumulative GPA of a "C" or 2.5 on a 4.0 scale and a 1.5 on a 3.0 scale. The student becomes disqualified from receiving the check or award for the next semester. (Granted only once; reoccurrence shall result in scholarship revocation.)**
6. Failure to reply to written communication from the chair or organization within two weeks (14 days) for the purpose of verifying pertinent information relative to his/her continued eligibility.

7. Failure to report change in marital status. If a recipient marries, he/she must be re-evaluated for assistance.

Scholarship Disbursements Information

Each grant is disbursed over a four-year period; therefore, the **two \$6000 Grants** are disbursed at \$1,500 per year or \$750 per semester. Similarly, **the \$2000 Academic Scholarship** is disbursed at \$500 per year or \$250 per semester. A maximum of two payments will be made in any academic year. **Scholarship Disbursements shall be authorized only after proper documentation has been provided to the Scholarship Chair and submitted to the Treasurer.**