



Kiwanis Club of Southport-Oak Island

Serving The Children of Brunswick County, NC

Scholarship Description

Scholarship Name:

South Brunswick High School Merit Scholarship

Benefit Description:

This scholarship rewards academic excellence and substantial community service performed by a student at South Brunswick High School. It provides an annual award of \$1500 per academic year for a period of four consecutive years.

Payment will be made to the student's college, university or accredited professional training school and credited to the student's account at the institution. Payment for the first year will be initiated after the Scholarship Committee receives a copy of the student's letter of admission and his or her student identification number from the institution. Payment in each subsequent year will be initiated after the Committee receives a copy of the student's transcript or grade report for the preceding academic year demonstrating completion of at least 12 semester hours of course work per semester and the attainment of at least a 2.5 overall grade point average for the year.

If, at the end of the 4-year term of this scholarship, the student is:

- Still enrolled on a full-time basis (12 semester hours/semester),
- Is still maintaining and overall grade point average of 2.5 or greater, and
- Has not yet earned his or her basic (i.e. Bachelor's) degree or appropriate professional certificate —

He or she may apply to the Scholarship Committee for an additional 1-year continuation and the Committee may award it without further competition.

Eligibility Criteria:

In order to apply for this scholarship a student **MUST** be a graduating senior from South Brunswick High School.

South Brunswick High School students who are eligible and apply for the Key Club Scholarship at SBHS will be automatically considered concurrently for this scholarship. Other eligible students may apply.

Selection Factors:

Selection for this scholarship is made by the Kiwanis Scholarship Committee.

The scholarship requires both a written application and an in-person or virtual interview.

Application:

The application requests personal and financial information from the student and his or her family. It also requires the student to describe his or her academic and extra-curricular activities as well as employment and participation in community service and/or Kiwanis-sponsored programs. The student must also complete a short, typed essay stating why he or she would be a good candidate for selection for this scholarship.

The application must be supported by an official transcript showing all high school work, to date, and two letters of recommendation, one of which must be from a teacher, counselor or school official who is knowledgeable about the student and his or her accomplishments.

Interview:

The in-person interview will be conducted at the student's school or such other location as the Committee may determine in consultation with school officials. The Committee may also interview or solicit confirming information from the student's guidance counselor.

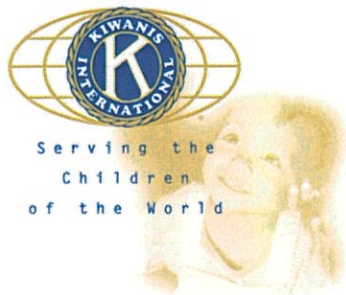
Scoring:

The application and interview will be jointly scored by the Committee at the time of the interview. The interview portion of the score will emphasize the student's demonstrated presentation skills, poise, confidence, and the quality of his or her answers.

The application portion of the score will recognize each of the areas of the application, giving particular emphasis to the student's financial need, community and/or Kiwanis-sponsored activities and essay. It will also emphasize a clear educational goal. The substance and duration of the student's participation in community service activities will be a significant factor in this assessment.

The Committee is also empowered to consider "special circumstances" described in the student's application package or letters of recommendation, for example, being the first in a family to attend college or particular family situations that bear on financial need.

The dispositive judgment of the Scholarship Committee in all selection decisions will be final.



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February 1, 2024

To: Students, Counselors and Advisors,

This year the Kiwanis Club of Southport-Oak Island will continue its tradition of awarding scholarships to graduating seniors from the Brunswick County High Schools who have participated in Key Club and/or Teen Court. In addition, we will also be awarding academic scholarships to seniors graduating from the Brunswick County Early College High School, South Brunswick High School, and students attending Brunswick Community College. The amount of these awards may vary based on individual circumstances but could be as much as \$1,500 per year for a total of up to four years of successful college study.

Enclosed with this letter is a scholarship application that we ask you to **complete and return**, with supporting documentation, **by April 1, 2024**. Applications should be returned to Mandy Bayless, the Kiwanis Scholarship Chairman, at the address listed below either in hard copy or by email. In person Interviews for the Glenda Ansley Memorial Teen Court Scholarship will take place at the Courthouse concurrent with Teen Court sessions in late April. We anticipate scheduling the remaining interviews at the applicants' respective high schools during early May. Virtual interviews may be done if in-person interviews are not warranted due to health concerns.

Students who are awarded a scholarship must enroll as a full-time college student in an accredited institution and take a minimum of 12 course credits of instruction each semester to continue the scholarship for its full awarded term. In addition, each awardee must provide the scholarship committee an official transcript at the conclusion of each academic year to show that his or her grade point average (GPA) has been maintained at 2.5, or above.

The Kiwanis Scholarship Committee looks forward to meeting all students who submit applications. In case you need to reach me or a member of the Committee, I have provided my address, phone number, and e-mail address below.

Sincerely,

Mandy Bayless

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Scholarship (s) for which I am applying:

SBHS Key _____ SBHS Merit _____ SBHS Frankie Beachum Citizenship _____
ECHS Key _____ ECHS Merit _____ JROTC _____

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone(s): (Home) _____ (Cell): _____

E-mail: _____

High School: _____

College/University you hope to attend:

Have you been accepted? Yes _____ Not Yet _____

If "Yes", attach a copy of the acceptance letter

Mother's Name: _____

Mother's Employer: _____

Father's Name: _____

Father's Employer: _____

Employment Information (include summer jobs and internships):

RELEASE STATEMENT:

I hereby release the preceding information to the Kiwanis Club of Southport-Oak Island. I certify that the above information is correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that this information will be kept confidential and will only be used in conjunction with the application process for this scholarship.

Signature (Student): _____

Signature (Parent/Legal Guardian): _____

Date: _____

Note:

Required Additional Documents

A copy of an **official transcript** and **two (2) letters of recommendation** must be attached to this application in sealed envelopes. The letters may be from faculty members, employers, or community leaders who know you well.

ESSAY:

"Why I should be selected for this scholarship."

Please submit a one page essay on the reasons you feel that you should be considered for this award. Please attach a separate, typed page.