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SAMPSON HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC

EDUCATIONAL GRANT

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The Sampson High School Alumni Association, Inc., does hereby establish Educational Grants not exceeding \$1,500 per year. These grants shall be awarded to candidates for graduation who were or are in attendance at Clinton High School or to those graduates or candidates who are descendants of Sampson High School Alumni Association members.

It is the request of the donor that this grant be awarded to the applicant best qualified fitting the prescribed eligibility criteria, without regard to creed, race or color. National origin shall never be a factor in determining the winner. Grants shall be awarded to a Clinton High, and 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 be awarded to the next qualified applicant from the Clinton area.

The Annual scholarship recipient 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.

Objective and Purpose

1. To encourage, promote and improve the educational standards between students from Sampson County, Clinton High School and surrounding communities and also those descendants of SHSAA, Inc.
2. To enable students of limited financial resources to continue their Education.
3. To afford worthy and talented students the opportunity to further cultivate their talents.

The Educational Grants Committee

The annual scholarship recipients of the Educational Grant shall be determined by an Educational Grants Committee of the national Sampson High School Alumni

Association, which will be composed of at least five persons. The committee will include a National Chairperson, who is an alumnus of Sampson or Clinton High School, a co-chairperson and a chapter representative from each of the active chapters.

Each local chapter will have a scholarship committee or representative who will serve as a representative and will be responsible for receiving applications for grants in respective chapter. The local committee shall be composed of at least five persons, one of which will be the president, or his appointee, exclusive of the National Chairperson, should that person be in the local chapter.

The chairperson of the National Committee shall appoint a secretary for the National Educational Grants Committee and this appointee shall maintain in his office, copies of all files and records pertaining to the educational grants. In lieu of the proceedings, the chairperson may serve as secretary and/or record (er/keeper).

The president (appointee) of the local chapter of SHSAA, Inc., shall have the responsibility of annually apprising by letter, the principal and guidance counselor of Clinton High School and surrounding schools under consideration of these educational grants and the criteria for obtaining.

Criteria for Selection-Annual Scholarship Winners

1. Each interested/eligible applicant may file an application and the necessary documents with the chairperson of the local chapter of SHSAA, Inc on or before May 1 of the current year. The principal and guidance counselors will have applications
2. It is the responsibility of each applicant to process the application along with other necessary documents and forward to the chairperson of the local chapter. The chairperson of the local chapters will submit the applicants credentials to the National Scholarship Chairperson.
3. The National Chairperson of the Educational Grants Committee shall name the date and place of the meeting-- usually the Headquarters Building in Clinton, NC. Notification of meetings shall be made at least three weeks in advance. The meeting will normally be held by May 30th.
4. It is the responsibility of the National Chairperson to inform the scholarship candidates of the interview date.

5. During the interview process candidates shall be randomly determined by the Clinton Coordinator.
6. Prior to the initial interview, the committee shall establish a time frame for act applicant.
7. Upon completion of the interviews the committee shall, at its discretion, either select the winner by majority vote or secret ballot.
8. In addition to selecting a winner, the committee shall also select an alternate. The alternate will receive the grant in the event the winner becomes ineligible for any of the reasons listed in the sections of this documents entitled "Reasons For Disqualification".
9. In the event the committee deems that the recipient in any given year, becomes disqualified, the monies for that period shall remain in the custody of the National treasury.
10. The committee's findings shall be confidential and no announcement of the winner will be made relative to the winner of the grant until the certificate(s) is/are presented at the annual graduation exercises of the school of attendance or until letters of notification have been sent to the winners by the National Chairperson.

Note: (Associate members must be active for a total of three years before their offspring can apply for the scholarship.)

Method of Payment for Scholarship Recipients

The scholarship recipients of the Sampson High School Alumni Association Educational Grants for any given year will be announced at the graduation exercises of the school of attendance and each winner will be presented with a certificate of award upon which his/her name is inscribed.

The annual \$1500 educational grants will be paid to the scholarship recipient in two or three equal installments. The installments shall be paid by the National Treasurer of SHSAA, Inc. Upon completion of all forms, verifications, grades, etc. from qualified

scholarship recipients who have completed their first semester or quarter during the freshmen year and thereafter. Payment shall be made by check, payable to the institution of attendance or to the student per student's request.

One-time grants shall be made in the same manner but with one installment.

Obligations and Responsibilities of the Recipients

Each recipient of the Educational Grant shall inform the National Chairperson of the SHSAA, Inc. Educational Grants Committee, the name of the institution he/she expects to attend and the approximate date the check should be forwarded to the institution or to him/her.

The recipient shall immediately notify the National Chairperson of the Education Grants Committee if he/she decides not to enter the school or if he/she withdraws for any reasons.

Each recipient shall request the Registrar of his/her institution or the recipient himself/herself will send a copy of the grades, along with verification of enrollment for the up-coming semester, to the National Chairperson of the Educational Grants Committee. This must be done for each semester or quarter of attendance during the life of the grant.

Upon written notification and receipt of award by the National Chairperson, each recipient shall be requested to pledge support or commitment in any form, i.e., membership in the organization, donations or participate at reunions as motivators for future scholarship candidates.

Value of the Educational Grants

The value of the grant shall not exceed \$1,500 for any student per academic year or an amount equitable to the expenses of the school in attendance. The donors believe that this amount should aid a student in payment of tuition, books, fees, supplies, and other educational expenses.

The aid is granted for four years, depending upon the student's classification and provided scholastic work is acceptable, i.e., meets the requirements herein. Use of grant funds not distributed, due to drop-outs or failures to maintain GPA can be expended at the discretion of the Educational Grants Committee for assistance to those applicants who were not awarded grants.

Criteria for Eligibility for the Educational Grant

1. The candidate must have been a Clinton High School student for at least the last two years of his/her high school study or at another accredited high school, provided he/she is a descendant of a Member of the Sampson High School Alumni Association. (Associate members must be active for a total of three years before their off-spring can apply for the scholarship.)
2. The candidate must have a cumulative average of at least "C" (75-82 grade point average)
3. The candidate must be able to show evidence that financial assistance is needed for him/her to pursue higher education.
4. The high school record of the student and recommendations must indicate good citizenship, good moral character, ambition, objective and purpose, temperament and stability.
5. The candidate must have at least two letters of recommendation from a teacher, guidance counselor or principal of their school. Another teacher might may serve as substitute for the guidance counselor or principal.

Academic Eligibility

- A. The candidate may qualify for a grant based solely on academic achievement providing, there are additional Funds (from drop-outs or failure to maintain GPA) available after the major scholarships, Clinton and At-large, have been granted.
- B. A rating scale for the selection of a recipient in this Category was formulated and approved by the Scholarship Committee.
- C. Under no circumstances will a candidate be eligible to receive more than one scholarship award.

Reason for Disqualification of an Announced Winner or Recipient Receiving A Grant

An announced winner of HSAA's Grant will be disqualified for any one of the following reasons:

1. In the event he/she fails to gain admittance to an accredited institution.
2. If he/she fails to begin his/her college career at the beginning of the school year following his/her graduation from high school. (He/she may, however, reapply the following year.)

A recipient receiving a Grant will become disqualified for any one of the following reasons:

1. the college or institution of attendance refuses to re-enroll the student for any reason.
2. the student is convicted of a felony at any time the grant is active. The chairperson of the HSAA, Inc., Educational Grants Committee will call a special Session of the committee to consider "disqualification action" at any time there is reason or evidence to indicate that disqualification may be in order.
3. if the recipient's GPA falls below a "C" or "2.0" during a quarter/semester; the student becomes disqualified from receiving the award or check for the next quarter/semester. However, if the student receives a GPA of "2.0" or "C" by the end of the quarter/semester in which he/she was disqualified, the award will be reinstated for the next quarter/semester. This action will only be granted one time.
4. if a recipient fails to reply to written communication from the organization within two weeks (14 days) for the purpose of verifying pertinent information relative to his/her continued eligibility.
5. if a student marries while under scholarship award, he/she must be re-evaluated for assistance.

EFFECTIVE DATE: _____

REVIEWED: _____

REVISIONS: _____

Retyped: May 3, 1999

The Sampson High School Alumni Association is fortunate to have Four Private Scholarships. These are "one-time" scholarships and are given annually by Sampson High School Alumni and their families. They are:

1. **The Donia Goodman Scholarship**
(Given in memory of Mrs. Donia Goodman)
by Al and Margaret Rich
2. **The Perdethia Ezzelle Lowery Scholarship**, given to a student who plans
to pursue a degree in Business Education/Administration - *by Perdethia Ezzelle Lowery*
3. **The Herbert J. Bullard Memorial Scholarship**- Given to a student who plans
to pursue a degree in Math-Science or Engineering
(Given in memory of Mr. Herbert J. Bullard)
by Mrs. Christeen Bullard
4. **The Alice McCalop Scholarship**- given to off-springs of the Family
(Given in memory of Mrs. Alice McCalop)
by Shelton, Leslie, Joann, Ernestine and Patricia McCalop

Students must maintain a grade-point average of 2.00 or above.

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Scholarship Fact Sheet

1. Name _____
2. College or Vocational Preference _____
3. Mother's Income _____ Father's Income _____
4. Student's Income _____ Student's Savings _____
5. Total Family Income _____
6. Has W-2 or IRS Form been Received _____
7. Total Expenses for School _____
8. Number of Younger Siblings _____
9. Number of Siblings Presently in College _____
10. Application Notarized _____
11. Parent's Affiliation with SHS _____
12. Parent's Chapter of Membership _____
13. References Attached _____
14. Grade Point - Overall Average _____
15. Class Rank _____ SAT Score _____
16. Extra-Curricular Activities _____
17. Recipient's Major & Vocational Interests _____
18. Recipient's Other Awards, Grants or Loans _____
19. Has Applicant been accepted to any College/School _____
20. Was Photo Submitted with application _____

Sampson High School Alumni Association, Inc.

Mission and Goals

Who We Are: Headquartered in Clinton, North Carolina, Sampson High School Alumni Association, Inc. (SHSAA) was founded by a group of Sampson High graduates. The Association consists of 11 chapters in cities throughout the Nation.

SHSAA is a non-profit organization dedicated to the concept of providing financial assistance to qualified students seeking a higher education; promoting outstanding scholarship; and enabling worthy students to cultivate their talents and potential.

The organization is approximately 400 strong in membership, including former Sampson High School graduates and Associate members. The group allocates \$14,000 in Scholarship Awards annually.

Who We Serve: Clinton and other local High School seniors, as well as descendants of SHSAA members, are eligible for this award. Recipients may pursue an education at either a Community or a 4-year college.



What We Do: SHSAA awards three Scholarships annually—two need-based scholarships totaling \$6,000 each and one academic scholarship for \$2,000. The two need-based awards are given to one Clinton recipient and one at-large recipient. (NOTE: If no student meets the need requirement, the scholarship is not awarded). The amounts awarded may vary, since some students may be already in college. Consequently, one-time grants are often awarded to use the balance of the \$6,000 scholarship.

Scholarship funds are equally disbursed during the 4-year or 3-year period, whichever the case, with no more than \$1,500 disbursed in any given year.

Similarly, the \$2,000 Academic Scholarship is awarded to the applicant with the highest SAT/GPA. Disbursements are made over a 4-year period, \$500 annually.

How to Apply: SHSAA Scholarship Applications are available January thru mid-April, annually. If eligible, Clinton High and area students may obtain applications from their high school Guidance Counselor or local SHSAA Scholarship Representative.

Likewise, at-large applicants may obtain applications from their local Representative or the National Scholarship Champion (all are listed in this document). Once the application is completed and notarized, return it to the local Scholarship Representative by April 15th.

Clinton applicants must be available for an interview by the SHSAA Scholarship Committee on a designated date, generally, the first Saturday in May.



Criteria for Consideration: Applicants must demonstrate a financial need; must have maintained at least a cumulative "C" average in high school or college; if already matriculated, and must be accepted for admission or show proof of enrollment at an institution of higher education. Send inquiries to:

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