



COMMUNITY FOUNDATION *of Calhoun County*

CALHOUN COUNTY AUBURN UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Tribute: An Auburn alumni and resident of Calhoun County has anonymously donated assets to establish this scholarship fund due to her gratitude to Auburn University for her education and the education of children and grandchildren. Quoting the American philanthropist and educator George Peabody (1869), the donor believes that “education is a debt due from the present generation to future generations.”

In addition, the Fund was created to inspire other Auburn Alumni from Calhoun County to help provide financial resources enabling local students to pursue higher education at Auburn University. It is not required, but it is the hope of the donor that scholarship recipients will return home to further enrich and better Calhoun County.

Awards: The Calhoun County Auburn University Scholarship Fund is exclusively for full-time enrolled students to attend Auburn University, Alabama in pursuit of any field of academic study. The award only may be used for tuition at the baccalaureate level. The award is renewable annually providing that the recipient continues to maintain the standards of these guidelines. The scholarship cannot be extended beyond a four-year period.

The Community Foundation will project and allocate the assets available for scholarship awards depending on the Fund's annual income. Members of the donor's family, and all relatives of donors, who contribute more than two percent of the Fund's assets, are ineligible to receive a scholarship from the Fund.

Application: These guidelines and the application packet will be distributed to the guidance counselors at public and private high schools in Calhoun County. Also, applications are available directly from the Community Foundation.

To be considered for the Calhoun County Auburn University Scholarship Fund, applicants must submit the complete application and supporting documentation to the Community Foundation by February 1 of each year. There are no exceptions to this due date. The Scholarship Review Committee will not consider incomplete applications.

Essay: An essay is required with the application. The student is asked to describe his or her personal aspirations, educational, and career goals. This composition should be typed and be no longer than three double-spaced pages. The applicant should conclude the statement with the main reason why the committee should award him or her the scholarship.

Eligibility: Graduates of any accredited public or private high school within Calhoun County are eligible to apply for the scholarship without regard to race, religion, gender, national origin, or disability. In addition, the following priorities, in the enumerated order, shall be used to evaluate candidates: Applicants must: (i) be ranked within the top 25% of their high school graduating class, (ii) exhibit proven academic ability, (iii) reflect strong moral character, (iv) be recognized for school and community service and (v) show financial need.

All relatives of donors who contribute more than two percent of the Fund's assets are ineligible to receive a scholarship from the Fund. In addition, the Foundation's Board of Trustees, Staff and Scholarship Committee members, including their spouses, children, adopted children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, are prohibited from applying or receiving any scholarship, grant or financial award from the Foundation.

Review Committee: The Scholarship Review Committee of the Community Foundation of Calhoun County will review all applications and make recommendations to the Foundation's Board of Trustees.

Review Process: Staff will review the application for clarity and completeness; copies of applications and all documentation will be forwarded to the Scholarship Review Committee. Committee members will have four weeks to review the applications, conduct interviews, if necessary, and hold a final determination meeting. This recommendation is submitted to the Foundation's Board of Trustees for final approval. Ideally, awards will be finalized and made public in time for high school recognition events.

Payment of Awards: Payment is made at the beginning of each academic semester. Checks are made directly to the financial administration office at Auburn University. Distributions will not be made until the Foundation receives the (i) signed letter of acceptance provided by the Foundation, (ii) certified proof of enrollment from the institution and (iii) confirmation that the recipient is enrolled. Checks are made directly to the financial administration office at the college or institution. No distribution will be made to any individual for any reason.

Students must inform the Community Foundation of any additional educational or financial aid grants or awards immediately upon notification. Failure to do so may result in the termination of this scholarship.

In addition, the scholarship recipient must provide the Community Foundation with an official copy of their Auburn University transcript at the end of each academic term (semester). Failure in any single term to maintain a 2.5 overall grade point average or better on a 4.0 scale will result in the termination of the scholarship award.

Responsibility of Recipient: Each scholarship recipient is responsible for fulfilling requirements for admission to Auburn University. The scholarship recipient must enter Auburn University no later than the fall term following their selection; otherwise they forfeit the award. No award shall be carried over beyond twelve months from the date of acceptance.

Recipients not completing the full academic term must request that the school reimburse the Community Foundation for any funds eligible for refund.

Assumptions: The Calhoun County Auburn University Scholarship Fund Guidelines are not a contract. No obligation or liability of any kind will be imposed upon a scholarship recipient; nor will any obligation or liability be assumed by the Community Foundation of Calhoun County, except as expressly stated in this document.

These guidelines are subject to change; therefore, applicants should inquire if revised guidelines have been issued. This may include the due date of the application documents.

The Community Foundation will not (i) accept applications that are presented after the due date; (ii) contact students to locate missing documents such as letters of recommendation (iii) contact students to return the Letter of Acceptance form and (iv) contact students to provide proof of enrollment in order to receive payment.

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