ANNA SATCHER
SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

Tribute: The Anna Satcher Scholarship Fund is a gift to the graduating seniors of Mt. Liberty Baptist Church in Anniston, Alabama. Realizing the need for advanced training and education among the area youth, the children of the Late Wilmer and Anna Satcher established the Anna Satcher Scholarship Fund in memory of their mother to promote educational opportunities for graduates of the church. This scholarship has been established as a component fund of the Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama.

Acknowledgments: Communications of gratitude for this award from scholarship recipients can be sent to Dr. David Satcher and Mt. Liberty Baptist Church in care of the Community Foundation’s address.

Awards: Anna Satcher Scholarship Fund is designated to high school graduates who are members of Mt. Liberty Baptist Church. The Foundation will ensure that there is a meaningful pool of applicants from the church each award cycle. If there is not an eligible pool of applicants from Mt. Liberty Baptist Church, those applications will be added to the pool of applicants graduating from Anniston High School and Walter Wellborn High School. The pool of applicants may also include active church members currently enrolled in a post-secondary institution.

The Fund is renewable and is intended to provide full or supplemental funding for full-time enrolled students over a period not to exceed four years to an accredited college, university or technical institution within the United States. If the need is documented, and funding is available, the award may include room and board (institutional), books and fees.

The Community Foundation will project and allocate the assets available for scholarship awards depending on the Fund’s annual income. This scholarship is strictly funded based on available assets. Even though a scholarship is listed as “renewable” this does not guarantee a future award. Moreover, the award amount may change each year or semester based on available assets; therefore, recipients are encouraged to apply for other available financial resources. Since the award is renewable, the scholarship may not be available on an annual basis. Visit the website to determine availability.

Application: Application must be submitted online through the Foundation’s website at http://www.yourcommunityfirst.org/scholarship-central/foundation/. Applicants may also want to visit Scholarship Central for more information about other offerings and the college application process. The Foundation will maintain and revise as necessary the guidelines and application documents. Mt. Liberty Baptist Church will publicize the Fund in a widely available bulletin or program to ensure accessibility for all eligible students. The Foundation staff will ensure that announcements and availability of this award is publicized to the principals, guidance counselors and graduation coaches from Anniston and Walter Wellborn High School.

Essay: An essay is required with the on-line application. The student is asked to describe his or her i) personal aspirations, educational, and career goals, and ii) the name of any person, living or deceased that he or she admires and why. This essay should be typed and uploaded
to the on-line scholarship application. The applicant should conclude the essay with the main reason why the Scholarship Review Committee should award him or her the scholarship.

**Eligibility:** Graduating seniors or post-secondary students from Mt. Liberty Baptist Church, and or Anniston High School and Walter Wellborn High School, or its successor institution, are eligible to apply for the scholarship without regard to race, religion, gender, national origin, or disability. When there is not an eligible pool of applicants from Mt. Liberty Baptist Church, graduating seniors from Anniston High and Walter Wellborn High are eligible to apply. Mt. Liberty applicants will be given special consideration and extra points when the scholarship is made available to graduating seniors from Anniston High and Walter Wellborn High.

Priority will be given to students with documented financial need, scholastic achievement, strong moral character, community service, church membership, church attendance, and participation in church activities.

Members of the Satcher 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. In addition, the Foundation's Board of Trustees, former trustees and staff and Scholarship Advisory 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. Based on IRS regulations, this disqualifying exclusion exists for three (3) years after concluding volunteer service or employment.

**Review Committee:** In compliance with federal law, scholarship recipients shall be selected by the Community Foundation’s Scholarship Committee, solely appointed by the Foundation’s Board of Trustees. The committee may include one (1) reviewer from Mt. Liberty Baptist Church or a member from the Satcher family. If a representative is not available or cannot serve, then the Foundation’s Scholarship Committee shall continue to carry out the charitable purposes of the Fund as described in the Fund Agreement. The committee will submit their recommendations to the Foundation’s Board of Trustees for their final approval.

**Review Process:** Students are required to submit the complete application packet on-line to the Foundation by **March 1**. Staff will screen the application for clarity and completeness and forward to the Scholarship Review Committee. The committee will have four weeks to review the applications, conduct interviews if necessary and hold a determination meeting to recommend awards. Final recommendations will be submitted to the Foundation’s Board of Trustees. Ideally, the scholarship will be announced at the school’s recognition event.

**Availability and Payments:** Since the fund is renewable, it may not be awarded every year. Please check with the Foundation office regarding award availability.

The Foundation will make scholarship payment at the beginning of each Fall academic semester. 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 in one of the degree programs listed above. 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.

**Responsibility of Recipient:** Each scholarship recipient is responsible for fulfilling requirements for admission to the college or institution of higher learning. The scholarship recipient must enroll no later than the winter 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.
In addition, the scholarship recipient must provide the Foundation with an official college or university transcript at the end of each academic year. Failure to maintain the above standards will result in the termination of The Anna Satcher Scholarship. Factors that are evaluated in renewing or terminating the award are as follows:

- Maintaining high personal standards and moral character.
- Meeting the minimum academic requirement of a 3.0 or “B” average on a 4.0 scale.
- Remaining enrolled as a full-time student.
- Progressively completing academic courses of substance aligned with a specific major or degree.
- Funding available to provide scholarships in any award cycle

Continuing scholarship payments are made based on regular annual reviews. Also, the Community Foundation is to be notified if there is any change in the student’s financial support.

Responsibility of Recipient: Each scholarship recipient is responsible for fulfilling requirements for admission to the educational institution of his or her choice. The scholarship recipient must enter a post-secondary institution no later than the fall term following the selection and award. No award shall be carried over beyond twelve months from the date of acceptance.

Recipients not completing the full academic year must request the school to reimburse the Community Foundation for any funds eligible for refund because of separation from the academic program.

Assumptions: The Anna Satcher Scholarship Fund Guidelines are not a contract. No obligation or liability of any kind will be imposed upon a scholarship recipient except in the case of reimbursement as expressly stated. The Community Foundation assumes no obligation or liability in relation to any applicant or recipient.

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 or requirements related to supporting 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 and (iii) contact students to provide proof of enrollment in order to receive payment.

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