

WILLIAM GASTON ALLEN SCHOLARSHIP

The William Gaston Allen Scholarship is providing scholarships for deserving students. The Center for Scholarship Administration, Inc. (CSA), a non-profit, independent organization is the facilitator of the program.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Q: What is the application process?

A: There are three (3) parts to the application process:

1. You must set up an account.
2. After you set up an account you must login to your account and complete the online process. (Once you have done this you will get an email back confirming we received the online portion of our application and reminding you to complete step 3.
3. You must email or mail in the additional required materials. (See list below).

Q: Who is eligible for the scholarship?

A: Applicants must:

- Be high student seniors.
- Have a minimum cumulative unweighted GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- Be from Wake, Wayne or Brunswick County, North Carolina.
- Demonstrate financial need.
- Have been enrolled in the local high school full time during his or her junior and senior year.
- Have demonstrated sincere interest in, and commitment to, pursue higher education.
- Demonstrated interest in enhancing personal potential.
- Demonstrate traits of high personal character and leadership.
- Be planning to attend full-time an accredited two-year or four-year college, university, technical, trade or professional school.

Q: How do I apply?

A: Interested applicants may apply online at www.scholarshipprograms.org/allen.

Q: When is the deadline for submission of materials?

A: All materials must be submitted to CSA no later than **MARCH 30, 2023**. All materials must be emailed or mailed in ONE envelope. If you applied online and received a confirmation of submission you may send just the additional materials required.

Q: What constitutes a complete application packet?

A: Additional Required Materials:

1. Signed **TERMS OF AGREEMENT**, found in the application online.
2. An **OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT** with grades and cumulative GPA posted through the latest fall semester. (It must be OFFICIAL)
3. A **LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION** from a teacher or professor.
4. A **PERSONAL STATEMENT/ESSAY**. Submit a one-page signed personal statement explaining your sincere interest in, and commitment to, pursue higher education.
5. **LIST OF YOUR ACADEMIC HONORS, LEADERSHIP SKILLS, AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**, etc.
6. A copy of your **2023-2024 SAR REPORT** (Student Aid Report). This is the report you receive after completing your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).

Q: What is the value of the scholarship award?

A: The number of recipients and the amount of each scholarship may vary from year to year due to fluctuations in the Fund's value and/or applicable document restrictions. Funds are to be applied to tuition, fees, books and supplies as required by your courses.

Q: What college may I attend?

A: You must be a full-time student enrolled at an accredited two-year or four-year college, university, technical, trade or professional school; provided the institution meets the following requirements.

An eligible educational institution is one whose primary function is the presentation of formal instruction and that normally maintains a regular faculty and curriculum and normally has a regularly enrolled body of students in attendance at the place where it carries on its educational activities.

Q: What if I am unable to attend consecutive semesters?

A: Extenuating circumstances requiring a student to sit out a semester must be explained in writing to CSA. You will be notified of the final decision.

Q: How are winners selected?

A: An Awards Advisory Committee considers respective ability, educational goals, financial need and career ambitions

Q: How will I be notified if I am chosen as a recipient?

A: All applicants will be notified of the decisions of the committee via email.

Q: Is this scholarship renewable?

A: This scholarship may be renewable for up to three additional years of undergraduate work, or until a bachelor's degree is awarded, whichever is earlier. Current recipients will receive information on the renewal process from CSA. The scholarship will be renewed based on (a) availability of funds; (b) student remains in good standing with the institution; (c) student maintains the required minimum cumulative GPA; (d) student is enrolled full time, and (E) student applies by the deadline for renewal of the scholarship. Current recipients who fail to comply with requirements B, D, and E may lost their scholarship permanently. If a scholarship is renewed for an academic year and any semester is not used within that year, then it is forfeited.

A GPA falling below the required minimum of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale at the end of ANY semester may result in a decision not to honor the award for the subsequent semester. If this is the decision, then the award is terminated on a permanent basis and the student will not be allowed to apply for renewal at any time in the future. However, if a decision is made to honor the award and it is paid for the subsequent semester, then the student will be allowed to apply for consideration of renewal provided the GPA is at the required level at the end of the semester in question.

Once a scholarship goes into effect, grade reports will be required at the end of the Fall semester. It is the responsibility of the recipient to request the grade report.

An official transcript will be required at the end of the Spring semester. It is the responsibility of the recipient to request the transcript.