

DeMolay Foundation of Georgia, Inc. Whitfield Leadership Scholarship

Recipient Selection Guidelines

The Whitfield Leadership Scholarship is awarded in the amount of \$4,000, payable in annual installments.

1. Those eligible to be awarded a Whitfield Leadership Scholarship include active members of the Order of DeMolay (less than 21 years old) who are entering their first year of post-secondary education. No graduate level scholarship is available.
2. Creed, color or nationality are to have no bearing on selection.
3. The student selected should be in the top 40% of Class standing.
4. Other desired characteristics:
 - a. Academics and need;
 - b. Have demonstrated leadership ability;
 - c. Balanced personality including:
 - i. Cooperation
 - ii. Discipline
 - iii. Respect
 - iv. Trustworthiness
 - v. Dependability
 - vi. Good Character
 - vii. Truthful
 - viii. Integrity

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Program Rules

1. A recipient must attend an accredited institution of higher education. The institution may be a:
 - a. Traditional public or private college or university;
 - b. Traditional public or private technical school or technical college
 - c. Other specialized school or institute that is recognized and accredited by a reputable accreditation agency;and which provides coursework and/or training intended to aid the student toward success in a chosen occupation or field of endeavor.
2. The winner to be announced in the Spring of the student's senior year;
 - a. Proceeds of the scholarship will be forwarded directly to the College, University, or specialized school chosen by the student;
 - b. Proceeds of the scholarship are intended to be used to benefit the student in items such as matriculation, tuition, books, housing, food.
3. DeMolay Chapters throughout the state of Georgia may submit their Chapter's recommendations to the state Executive Officer and the scholarship committee for final selection of a winner.
4. All applications will be reviewed on the basis of demonstrated merit (merit will be evaluated from transcript data and activities described on the application.) It is the student's responsibility to substantiate the need for support. An essential item in evaluating need is the financial information form. In addition to the submitting the financial information form, the applicant should advise the scholarship committee of special conditions that might affect need (and perhaps grades,) such as death, divorce, illness, financial disasters, etc.
5. Recipients must continue their education in accordance with the following rules:
 - Should a recipient leave school for a period of time considered more than what might be normal—such as a summer break—additional installments on the scholarship shall cease until the student is re-enrolled at either the same institution or another institution considered by the scholarship committee and the Foundation Board of Directors to be within the guidelines of the Whitfield Scholarship. Should the recipient attend a different institution of higher education, the Whitfield Leadership Scholarship support due shall be limited to the amount remaining undistributed at the time the student ceased his enrollment at the original institution.
 - Should a scholarship recipient remain effectively out of school for a period of more than 18 consecutive months, not counting any summer session break, the recipient's claim to any scholarship funds remaining due to them shall be considered to have expired. The scholarship committee shall be authorized to recommend to the Board of Directors of the Foundation that exceptions be made in extenuating circumstances, provided an exception to this policy is requested in writing to the scholarship committee by the original recipient.
6. Transcripts of grades must be official, and certified by the school district(s) from which they originated. **No other form of transcript nor will any other form of verification of grades be accepted.**

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I have read and understand the rules as set forth above.

Signature and Date: _____