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Subject: Miriam E. Alsobrooks Educational Fund

Dear Ms. Hagan:

It is time to begin the process for students who wish to apply for a scholarship beginning with the fall semester. We appreciate your assistance in marketing the program to the students in your school. I have enclosed a sample flyer that can be used to publicize the scholarship to students. Please post the flyer in areas where the students normally congregate.

Also enclosed is a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) document that provides information about the scholarship requirements, eligibility, and application process. Please make this available as appropriate through the school's guidance counselors and other methods that may become available. Let us know if you have other suggestions on how to advertise the scholarship or need additional information to provide to potential candidates.

Applications will be accepted starting on **September 17, 2020** and ending on **November 30, 2020**. Scholarship candidates will apply online at www.csascholars.org/alsobrooks. Scholarships will be announced in or about June, 2021. Please let us know if you have a special award ceremony where scholarship awards are announced so we can provide you with a list of the awardees in a timely manner. We can provide award certificates upon request.

If you have questions, please call me at 864-268-3363 (Monday – Thursday: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Eastern Time). You can also email me at admin@csascholars.org.

Thank you. We appreciate the opportunity to work with you on this scholarship program.

Sincerely,

Deanna Nilsson
Scholarship Director

Enclosures

MIRIAM E. ALSOBROOKS EDUCATIONAL FUND

2021-2022

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Who is eligible for the scholarship?

A: Applicants must:

- Be graduates of Marlboro County High School, Bennettsville, South Carolina. Residents of Connie Maxwell Children's Home, Greenwood, South Carolina are also eligible to apply, with preference to former residents of Marlboro County.
- Must attend full-time, a two-year or four-year college or university located in South Carolina and accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Universities.
- Demonstrate financial need.
- Preference is given to applicants whose father is deceased.

Additional Desired Qualifications

- A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.

Q. How do I apply?

A: Interested applicants may apply online at www.csascholars.org/alsobrooks.

Q: How are applications submitted?

A: Applications must be submitted online via the Center for Scholarship Administration (CSA) portal. There are three steps to complete and submit the application:

1. Set up an account through the portal.
2. Login to the account and complete the application. A confirmation email will be sent when the application is received by CSA. Applicants should contact CSA if a confirmation email is not received.
3. Mail in any additional required materials. See list below.

Q: What constitutes a complete application packet?

A: A complete application package includes the following:

- Official transcript with grades and cumulative GPA posted through the latest Fall semester.
- Student Authorization and Acknowledgements Form, found in the online application, signed by the scholarship candidate.
- Personal statement/essay:
 - Submit a one-page signed personal statement explaining why the scholarship is important to you. Include your college and career plans.
- List of academic honors, leadership skills, community service, etc.
- Student Aid Report (SAR) from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- A completed W-8 or W-9 IRS Form, as applicable. This form must be completed by the applicant.
- SAT/ACT Scores; if taken

Note: Each item should include both the applicant's name and name of the scholarship at the top of the page.

Q: When is the deadline for submission of materials?

A: The online application must be completed and transmitted to CSA no later than **November 30, 2020**. Any required supplemental materials that need to be mailed must be mailed to CSA no later than **November 30, 2020** and should be mailed in one package.

Q: What is the amount of the scholarship award?

A: The amount of scholarship awards may vary and generally range between \$400 and \$1,200.

Q: How can scholarship awards be applied?

A: Funds may only be used to pay tuition, fees, books and supplies, room and board, but in no event shall the amount awarded exceed \$1,200 in any one year and should not exceed these costs.

Q: What school may I attend?

A: You must be a full time student enrolled at an accredited, public or private, two-year or four-year, college or university located in the State of South Carolina and accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Universities, located in the United States, in any field of study leading to a degree, diploma or certificate provided the institution meets the requirements in the following paragraph. Recipients must be enrolled full-time each semester and working towards and undergraduate degree.

The institution must be an educational organization that normally maintains a regular faculty and curriculum and normally has a regularly enrolled body of pupils or students in attendance at the place where its educational activities are regularly conducted. To the extent the institution is involved in the selection of the recipients (if at all), that involvement must comply with the Scholarship Program's policy of awarding scholarships on an objective and non-discriminatory basis as well as the Scholarship Program's Conflict of Interest Policy.

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

A: All applicants will be notified in writing by email, whether or not they have been selected to receive a scholarship. Those students selected will download a package from their online account that includes a scholarship agreement and information about the scholarship terms.

Q: Is this scholarship renewable?

A: This scholarship is for one year only; however, current recipients may reapply and be considered for additional funding along with other new applicants. Scholarship recipients must be enrolled full-time. Scholarship recipients are limited to four total years of scholarship award and are expected to have been enrolled consecutive years during that time. Students must reapply for additional scholarship awards. Renewal is not guaranteed and students will be included in the pool of scholarship applicants.

Need financial assistance to attend college?

Apply for a
Miriam E. Alsobrooks Educational Fund Scholarship

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Scholarship specifics

- This scholarship is for one year only; however, current recipients may reapply and be considered for additional funding along with other new applicants. Scholarship recipients must be enrolled full-time.
- See your guidance counselor for additional information.

Eligible applicants can apply at
www.csascholars.org/alsobrooks

Deadline

To be considered for a scholarship, applications and all supporting documentation must be received by
5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on November 30, 2020

THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES

The history of the United States is a complex and multifaceted story. It begins with the early Native American civilizations, such as the Mayans, Aztecs, and Incas, who built great empires in Central and South America. In North America, the Iroquois and other tribes established sophisticated societies. The arrival of European explorers, including Christopher Columbus, opened the continent to colonial settlement. The British colonies grew in strength and independence, leading to the American Revolution and the birth of the United States as a nation. The 19th century was marked by westward expansion, the Civil War, and the rise of industrialization. The 20th century saw the United States emerge as a global superpower, leading the world in the Cold War and playing a central role in the development of the modern world.

The United States has a rich and diverse cultural heritage. It is a land of immigrants, where people from all over the world have come to seek a better life. This diversity has shaped the nation's identity and values. The American dream, the belief that anyone can achieve success through hard work and determination, is a central theme in the country's history. The United States has also been a leader in scientific and technological innovation, from the invention of the airplane to the space program. The country's political system, based on the principles of democracy and the rule of law, has inspired other nations around the world.

The United States continues to play a significant role in the world today. It is a global leader in economic, political, and cultural affairs. The country's values of freedom, democracy, and human rights are widely respected and admired. The United States has a long and proud history, and it continues to shape the future of the world. The story of the United States is a story of resilience, innovation, and the pursuit of a better life for all.