

## PLEASE ANNOUNCE/POST

The Orangeburg County Chamber of Commerce is offering five \$1,000.00 scholarships to five graduating seniors for the year 2018. Applications are available and can be obtained from your Guidance Counselor, the office of the Orangeburg County Chamber of Commerce or online at [www.orangeburgchamber.com](http://www.orangeburgchamber.com). The deadline for submitting the scholarship application is September 29, 2017. The award is for one year, non-renewable, and is subject to confirmation of acceptance to a college or university. The scholarship will be awarded upon enrollment in the college of the applicant's choice.

To be eligible, the applicant must:

1. Be a senior qualifying for graduation at the end of the current regular school session.
2. Submit recommendations from a high school teacher, an administrator, and a citizen of the community, as well as a copy of high school transcript.
3. Be a resident of Orangeburg County or attend school in Orangeburg County and be of good moral character and reputation.

Application materials to be submitted by student for consideration should include:

1. **Completed application.**
2. **Copy of transcript with school seal.**
3. **Three letters of recommendation (one each from): a teacher, an administrator, and a community leader (Please send in packet along with your application.)**

Those recommending the applicant should address the applicants community service, character, and other circumstances that would merit awarding the scholarship to the applicant.

All information should be sent sealed to:

Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Committee  
Orangeburg County Chamber of Commerce  
155 Riverside Drive  
PO Box 328  
Orangeburg, SC 29116-0328

**NOTE: TO BE CONSIDERED, ALL INFORMATION INCLUDING THE APPLICATION, TRANSCRIPT WITH SCHOOL SEAL AND THREE LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION FROM REQUIRED INDIVIDUALS MUST REACH THE COMMITTEE BY-Friday, September 29, 2017, before 12:00 noon.**

The office hours at the Chamber are  
Monday-Thursday, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm and Friday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

**ORANGEBURG COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDING \_\_\_\_\_

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INSTITUTION(S) TO WHICH YOU PLAN TO APPLY:

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RANK IN CLASS \_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER IN CLASS \_\_\_\_\_ CUMULATIVE GPA \_\_\_\_\_

**(PLEASE BE SURE THAT YOUR TRANSCRIPT INCLUDES THE SCHOOL SEAL)**

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**SCHOLASTICS (school related)**

LIST SCHOOL ORGANIZATIONS IN WHICH YOU WERE/ARE A MEMBER. (State name of organization and year, i.e. band 2-3; state member activities.)

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OFFICES AND POSITIONS OF LEADERSHIP THAT YOU HAVE HAD/HAVE IN SCHOOL ORGANIZATIONS. (State name of organization, position, and year.)

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HONORS AND AWARDS RELATED TO ACADEMICS AND SCHOOL ACTIVITIES. (State year and nature of honor or award.)

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**ESSAY**

The essay portion of the scholarship application demonstrates your ability to write clearly and concisely on a selected topic and helps you distinguish yourself in your own voice. What do you want the selection committee to know about you apart from courses, grades, and test scores? Remember: 650 words is your limit, not your goal. Use the full range if you need it, but don't feel obligated to do so. (The scholarship committee cannot accept a response shorter than 250 words).

Choose the topic that best suits you from the options below. Use the prompt to inspire and structure your essay.

- Some students have a background, interest, or talent that is so meaningful they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story.
- The lessons we take from failure can be fundamental to later success. Recount an incident or time when you experienced failure. How did it affect you and what did you learn from the experience?
- Discuss an accomplishment or event, formal or informal that marked your transition from childhood to adulthood within your culture, community, or family.

**We are requiring that your essay be typed**, and you may attach it to the application.

I certify that the above information is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date Submitted \_\_\_\_\_

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