

John M. Simmons Educational Scholarship

John M. Simmons believed in pursuing your dreams, setting goals and working hard for professional success. Education beyond high school provides a foundation needed for today's world. John was a man of integrity and service in our community and for this reason his family established this educational scholarship in his memory.

Annually up to \$20,000 in scholarships will be awarded to seniors of Bainbridge High School (Bainbridge, GA), Grace Christian Academy (Bainbridge, GA), Robert F. Munroe High School (Quincy, FL), Maclay School (Tallahassee, FL), Chiles High School (Tallahassee, FL) and Brookwood School (Thomasville, GA). All applicants must have a minimum high school GPA of 2.75, must reside in the United States, and be enrolled or intend to enroll in a post-secondary college, technical college or university in the United States.

This scholarship will be awarded on the basis of Academics, Financial Need, Extra Curricular Activities/Community Service, and Work Ethic Traits.

Applications must be received by April 1, 2018. Mail your completed application and supporting documentation to:

Burke, Worsham, and Harrell
600 West Shotwell Street
Bainbridge, Georgia 39819

Check List for Application Packet

1. _____ Application Completed and Signed
2. _____ Signed Copy of Transcript
3. _____ Copy of ACT or SAT score
4. _____ Copy of College Acceptance Letter
5. _____ Two Letters of Recommendation. Sealed envelope should have student's name and high school's name on outside.
6. _____ Typed paper with the four specified questions and answers.

John Middleton Simmons Educational Scholarship Application

I. Getting to Know You

1. Full Name _____
2. Date of Birth _____ Age _____
3. Home Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
4. Phone Number _____ Email Address _____
5. Name of Parents or Guardian _____
Address of Parents or Guardian _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

II. Academics

6. High School Accumulative GPA (a signed copy of transcript must be attached)
GPA _____ School _____
7. SAT or ACT score _____
(copy of score must be attached)
8. Name the University, College, or Technical School to be attended and the
your planned major. (Copy of acceptance letter must be attached)
School Name _____
Major _____

III. Financial Need

9. List any scholarships you have received or will receive by year, name, and
\$value.

10. Explain your need for financial assistance. Any information relative to financial status will be kept in the strictest of confidence by the scholarship committee. (100-word count max)

College Tuition cost \$ _____

State Scholarship \$ _____ (Hope or Bright Futures)

Mother's Income \$ _____

Father's Income \$ _____

IV. Achievements in High School, Activities, and Community

(If more space is needed, please type on separate paper and label as on application)

11. List honors or recognition received in school and/ or the community

12. Summarize your interests, hobbies, sports and activities. Please include leadership roles or offices held.

(a) School _____

(b) Community _____

V. Questions

Answer each question below (#13, #14, #15, #16) honestly, concisely, and with specific examples. Type the question number, the question, and answer for each on a separate sheet then attach to application packet. More than one or all questions can be answered on one page (or more pgs.) according to word count used. Each question is given a 400-maximum word count.

13. Describe in detail, how you overcame a specific setback/challenge. (400 wc max)

14. What are you most passionate about and how do you think it will impact your future? (400 wc max)

15. "Grit" is defined as your passion and perseverance for long-term goals. If the power of "grit" can help you achieve your potential, in your experience how have you used "grit" in a situation? (400 wc max)

16. How has your attitude negatively and positively affected others? Give example of each. (400 wc max)

VI. Signature

Signature of Applicant _____
Dated _____

John M. Simmons Educational Scholarship Recommendation Letter Guidelines

1. Choose two people who know you well and who are well respected.
2. When asking for a recommendation letter, it is good to let the writer know the name of scholarship and what the scholarship is about. This scholarship will be awarded on the basis of Academics, Financial Need, Extra Curricular Activities/Community Service, and Work Ethic Traits.
3. Give the person writing the letter of recommendation several weeks to write. Everyone has a busy schedule.
4. Request your recommendation letters to be completed a week prior to the time you plan on turning in the entire application packet. Giving extra time for the "unexpected" is always beneficial to your timeline and the person writing the letter.
5. The letter should be given to you in sealed envelope with your name and high school's name on it.