

East Alabama Code Officials Scholarship Guidelines

1. Eligible applicants shall consist of the following: Spouse, child, step-child, adopted child and grandchild of an active or honorary member, whether living or deceased, of the East Alabama Code Officials Association (EACOA). Further, active members of EACOA are also eligible themselves. The EACOA member shall be in good standing for one year prior to the scholarship nomination. Current members who sponsor a candidate shall be considered active by attending a minimum of 6 monthly meetings a year.
2. EACOA will make available a maximum of 3 scholarships each year to qualified applicants. Based on 1, 2, or 3 applicants qualifying that number will be awarded. In the case we have no qualified applicants; no scholarships will be awarded that particular year.
3. Amount of scholarships will be \$750.00 each. This amount could increase over time due to increased fundraising efforts as we would like to build a windfall to use as a reserve. This reserve would guarantee us monies in future years to continue providing scholarships.
4. A separate interest-bearing checking account will be set up designated only for scholarship funds. This account will only be used to fund scholarships and shall only have accessibility by the President and treasurer of the EACOA.
5. As of the year 2020 the scholarship fund will collect all monies brought in by our annual fund raiser. All profit will go to earmarked scholarship fund.
6. The selection process will take place as follows: Eligibility of applicants will be verified; applications will be reviewed to determine that all information has been furnished. Scholarship committee will review all applications. Selection criteria will include demonstrating a need for financial assistance (this will include info showing any other financial aid or scholarships applicant may be receiving). Pursuant of educational opportunities above high school level as well as providing evidence of satisfactory grades, ACT, SAT scores or any other specialized test scores. Also any teacher recommendations will be considered too. Scholarship application we provide must be completely filled out. Application deadline will be March 31 of each year.
7. Applicants can apply each year for a scholarship as long as they continue to meet the criteria. The maximum number a student can be awarded a scholarship is 4 years. Any applicant that wins a scholarship can apply the next year but must go through same qualifications as previous times. At the scholarship committee's discretion any applicant that has not received a scholarship from EACOA may receive entitlement over someone who has been awarded one in the past.
8. Scholarships will be awarded at our annual picnic in May. Applicants will be notified in advance if receiving and will be asked to attend for presentation.

9. The above guidelines are designed to bring the scholarship program into a conformed fashion and remove all doubt as to our goals and responsibility as we move forward to give the assistance to all students and graduates taking the next step in education.

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